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SHANGHAI TELEPHONE COMPANY

Final Closing of Transfer Books

The Company wishes to call attention to its official notice dated December 7, 1939 announcing the final closing of the transfer books of the Company as of the close of business on December 15, 1939.

Stockholders and the public are reminded that this Company, in distributing the cash dividend and the shares of the new Company, will ONLY RECOGNIZE STOCKHOLDERS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON ITS BOOKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 15, 1939 and that thereafter the stock certificates of this Company will be void and without value.

It is important, therefore, that any shares not registered in the names of the owners thereof be lodged with the Company for transfer on or before that date. Also, persons who may be holding shares as security are advised to have them transferred to their own names, since otherwise new certificates will be delivered to the persons at present named in the old certificates.

C. D. LONGHURST,
Comptroller and Assistant Secretary.
Shanghai, December 11, 1939.
12877

SHANGHAI TELEPHONE COMPANY

SPECIAL NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

1. PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND
At a meeting of the Board of Directors held in New York on December 6, 1939 a dividend of Sixty cents, Chinese Dollars, Shanghai local currency (Ch.$0.60) on each share of the capital stock of the Company was declared in respect to operations of the year 1939, payable in Shanghai on December 27, 1939, to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 15, 1939.
2. DISSOLUTION OF COMPANY
At the special meeting of stockholders held in New York on November 22, 1939, pursuant to notice given under date of October 10, 1939 and mailed to all stockholders, the sale of the Company's assets to Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A. and its dissolution were duly approved. Accordingly the Board of Directors, at a meeting held in New York on December 6, 1939, directed that the transfer books of the Company be finally closed as of the close of business on December 15, 1939, for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive the liquidating dividend of the Company. This liquidating dividend will consist of stock of Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A. and will be issued to stockholders of Shanghai Telephone Company on a pro rata and share for share basis, the par value of the respective shares of the two companies being the same, i.e., Ten Chinese Dollars, Shanghai local currency (Ch. $10) each.

New certificates of Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A., representing the same number of shares of stock as are respectively held in this Company by stockholders of record at the close of business December 15, 1939, will be distributed on December 27, 1939. Thereafter this Company will be dissolved.

Since the transfer books of the Company will be finally closed on December 15, 1939, and the liquidating dividend consisting of shares of stock of the new Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A. will be distributed to stockholders whose names appear on the books of this Company at that date, it is important that all shares of stock be registered at once in the names of the actual owners. Therefore, any stock certificate of the Company bearing a name other than the name of the actual owner thereof or a designated nominee should be presented at once, and in any case not later than the close of business December 15, 1939, at the office of the Company for exchange for a new certificate in the name of such actual owner or designated nominee.

In distributing its liquidating dividend on December 27, 1939, this Company will only recognize, and issue shares of the new Company to, stockholders whose names appear on its books at the close of business December 15, 1939, and after December 15, 1939, the stock certificates of this Company will be void and without value.

C. D. LONGHURST,
Comptroller and Assistant Secretary.
Shanghai, December 7, 1939.
12820

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Bureau has duly made the arrangement with the Chinese Maritime Customs Administration for the resumption of its Customs House Examination Office. On December 13, 1939 the said office will commence its work and its duty is to examine all the Consolidated Taxable goods and their documents.

The Public is further notified that those who pay duties for imports, exports and interports are requested to purchase 2 cents Revenue Stamp of this Bureau to be pasted on each Duty Memo from the above Examination Office.

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To-day's Events

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12 A.W.C. book review, Mrs. Hylbert, 4.45
12 For. Y. Lecture: 'Chinese Music' by Mr. J. H. Levis
12 Curtis Strauss' non-stop film revue, 'Piccadilly Follies,' A.W.C., 9
12 Tsingtao retroceded by Japan (1922)
12 U.S.S. Panay sunk by Japanese aircraft; H.M.S. Ladybird badly damaged (1937)

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Coming Events

DECEMBER

13 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
13 Artist Club, Hongkew, Easter.. Theatre, 'The Happy Husband' by E. Eysler, 8.30
14 B.W.A. Home and G'den Section, 10
14 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
14 Cradle bridge/mahjongg, S.I.B.C., 3
14 Corps Cavalry Smoker, S.R.C., 7.30
14 For. Y. Debate: 'Occupations Chosen by State'
14 'Venus in Silks,' music by R. Stolz, Russian Light Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
14 20th Annual Hanuccah Ball, Cercle Sportif Francaise
14 Film at Country Club in aid of B.W.A. War Work Fund, 9.15
15 B.W.A. Gift Day for Hampers
15 For. Y. 'Hour of Music'
15 Shanghai Younger Set present 'Dithyrambics.' Proceeds for British War Work Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9
16 K.K.K. Bazaar, Masonic Hall, 2.30
16 B.W.A. Gift Day for Hampers
16 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
16 'Venus in Silks,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
16 'Madame Butterfly,' by G. Puccini, First Grand Opera of the Season, at Russ. Club Theatre, 1053 Ave. Foch, 9
17 Municipal Orchestra, 10th Symphony Concert, Lyceum Theatre, 5.15
17 'Venus in Silks,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
17 'Madame Butterfly,' by G. Puccini, First Grand Opera of the Season, at Russ. Club Theatre, 1053 Ave. Foch, 9
18 Two Christmas Plays. Public School for Girls, 5.30
18 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
19 Two Christmas Plays. Public School for Girls, 5.30
19 A.W.C. X'mas music and plays, 4.45
19 For. Y. Lecture: 'Modern Physics' by Dr. S. H. Chao
19 Tuesday Evening Club, 7.30
19 Artist Club, Hongkew, Eastern Theatre. 'Nathan The Wise,' by Lessing. Directed by Alfred Dreifuss, 8.30
19 Leonora Valesby violin recital, A.W.C.
20 Cathedral Carol Service, 5.45
21 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
22 Italian Club, Chamber Music Concert, 5.30
23 Children's Christmas Party, Shanghai Engineers' Club, 3.
24 Cathedral Carol Service, 5
28 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
29 Limbless Fund, Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
29 Rover Ball at Masonic Hall, sponsored by 7th Shanghai Rovers, 8.30
30 'Venus in Silks,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45

JANUARY

3 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon', Lyc. 9.15
4 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon', Lyc. 9.15
5 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon', Lyc. 9.15
6 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon,' Lyc. 3
6 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon,' Lyc. 9.15

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NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting held on November 29, 1939, it was decided by the majority of the partners (active and silent) of the Far Eastern Import & Export Co., 751 Avenue du Roi Albert, to enter into voluntary liquidation and to appoint Dr. O. Fischer of Messrs. Musso, Fischer & Wilhelm, liquidator of the said Company in conjunction with the Chartered Accountants, Messrs. Thomson & Co.

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NOTICE

ASIA REALTY COMPANY

Federal Inc. U.S.A.

Holders of Six Per Cent (6%) First Mortgage Debentures of Asia Realty Company are hereby notified that on December 9, 1939, the Trustee presented a Plan of Reorganization of the Company to the United States Court for China. As provided in said Plan the Debenture register of the Company will be closed at noon, December 13, 1939, and will remain closed until confirmation of a Plan of Reorganization by the Court or until otherwise ordered by the Court. Copy of the Plan of Reorganization and of the Court's Order with respect thereto will be mailed to registered holders of Debentures, stockholders and other persons affected by the Plan of Reorganization on December 13, 1939.

GEORGE SELLETT,
Trustee of the Estate of Asia Realty Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A.
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Those Shareholders who wish their Dividends to be paid in the Straits, can have it so arranged if they signify their wishes to the Secretaries before noon of December 7, 1939. Their Dividends will then be converted from local currency to Straits Dollars at the Bank's buying rate on December 12, 1939, and Demand Drafts payable in Singapore will be dispatched to them on the day this Dividend is paid.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from December 6 to December 12, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THE GEDDES TRADING & DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.,
Secretaries,
THE SUNGALA RUBBER ESTATE, LTD.
Shanghai, November 30, 1939.
12649

THE AYER TAWAH RUBBER PLANTATION CO., LTD.

(Incorporated in Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held in the Offices of the Secretaries, the Geddes Trading & Dairy Farm Co. Ltd., 61 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, December 12, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. to receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended September 30, 1939, to recommend a dividend of Twenty dollar cents per share, to elect a Director, to elect Auditors and to transact other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 5 to December 12, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THE GEDDES TRADING & DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.,
Secretaries,
THE AYER TAWAH RUBBER PLANTATION CO., LTD.
Shanghai, November 24, 1939.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors have this day declared a Second Interim Dividend for the year ending December 31, 1939, at the rate of Fifteen Cents Local Currency per share to be paid to Members on record on Tuesday, December 12, 1939.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 6, to December 12, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. R. BURKILL & SONS, LTD.,
General Managers.
Shanghai, November 25, 1939.
12595

THE DOMINION RUBBER COMPANY, LTD.

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 6, to December 12, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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By Order of the Directors,
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Shanghai, December 7, 1939. 12821

KROEWOEK JAVA PLANTATIONS, LIMITED

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors have this day declared a Second Interim Dividend on account of the year ending December 31, 1939 of Five Chinese Standard Dollar cents per share payable on December 12, 1939 to Shareholders on record on that date.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 5 to December 12, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.
Shanghai, November 27, 1939.
12609

ANGLO-DUTCH (JAVA) PLANTATIONS, LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors have this day declared a Second Interim Dividend on account of the year ending December 31, 1939 of Twenty Chinese Standard Dollar cents per share payable on December 12, 1939 to Shareholders on record on that date.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 5 to December 12, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ninth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Tuesday, December 19, 1939, at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended September 30, 1939, declaring a Final Dividend, electing a Director and Auditors and transacting any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 12 to December 19, 1939, both days inclusive.

Shareholders intending to ask questions in regard to the Accounts or other matters are requested to give notice of such intention at least 48 hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.
Shanghai, November 29, 1939.
12648

SAMAGAGA RUBBER CO., LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty Ninth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Friday, December 22, 1939 at noon for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended September 30, 1939, declaring a Dividend, electing a Director and Auditors and transacting any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 16 to December 22, 1939, both days inclusive.

Shareholders are requested to notify the General Managers promptly of any change of address that may have taken place since the last dividend or preferably to supply the General Managers with the address of their Bankers to whom Dividend Warrants will be sent direct.

Dividend Warrants for Chinese Shareholders will be retained in our Office and may be had on application at any time during ordinary office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
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Lot of Refugees:

Sad Sights to Be Seen

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—There is not a very great number of people who are obliged to travel each day to and from town in the Number 21 Bus of the French Concession. Not many witness the manifold sufferings of the refugee class of our native community, and it is very apparent that not many care. It is quite true, perhaps, that we, as foreigners, should feel no responsibility for these conditions brought about by the China war, but there is no reason at all why we should not feel sympathy for these miserable wretches and do what we can to alleviate their misfortunes.

When the recent spell of cold weather hit Shanghai, we read with regret of the rapid deaths of many in the streets, of how these dead were robbed of their threadbare clothes so that the living could enjoy a few more days of existence. Many of us have seen how these victims of war have been driven to crime; how they pilfer anything of commercial value from motor transports, how they are detected by unusually wary policemen and truck hands, cuffed and kicked and finally set at liberty only to repeat the performance when the occasion presents itself.

The other day on my way to the office, fortified by a satisfying breakfast, I caught sight of one poor soul sprawled motionless across a doorway on Rue Amiral Bayle. His chest was exposed to an extent which indicated that the man had died from starvation and cold, and I was appalled to think that the man should have been ignored for hours before being finally removed. It was not surprising that I should have felt my breakfast give way and drop to my boots.

I sincerely regret that my criticism has not been of a constructive nature, but to those of us who imagine ourselves to be hard hit and badly off, either due to the low value of the Chinese dollar or to other personal misfortunes, I would strongly recommend a bus ride from Rue Père Robert to the French Bund. Sit by the window on the left, take in everything, and feel deeply grateful that Destiny has not pointed its finger at you.

V. C. T.

Shanghai, Dec. 10.

Local Music:

To be Played in U.S.

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It may be of interest to the musical population of Shanghai to learn that Mr. Gregory Singer's Prelude Fugue and Allegro for piano and orchestra, which received its first performance here on March 12, will receive it second in America under the baton of the veteran conductor Frederick Stock of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Stock also intends to play the Violin Concerto of Mr. A. Avshalomoff.

H.

Shanghai Dec. 11.

Christmas Appeal:

From St. Luke's Hospital

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Christmas will soon be here again. We would like to help the sick to believe in Santa Claus, or Father Christmas. We are making our plans accordingly in spite of funds being short, and would be glad to receive contributions from any of our friends, who wish to give a little pleasure to those who pass Christmas in a hospital.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

Kiangse Rd. Bridge:

Delay in Repairing

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I should like to ask through the medium of your columns when the P.W.D. are going to make a start on repairing the Kiangse Road Bridge. This bridge has been closed to traffic for about a month, and is causing a great deal of annoyance and inconvenience to those who live and have business north of the Soochow Creek.

GROUSER.

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

Poem Found:

Deathbed Valedictory

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—A few days previously a correspondent wrote in your columns asking for the Chinese original of a poem by Yu Chu-yuan which was translated in Lin Lu-tang's book "Moment in Peking" as follows:

What is family then but a phrase?
Casual travellers met on their ways,
The Punch-and-Judy show is done,
Take the stage down, the props and stays.

This was Yu Chu-yuan's death-bed valedictory poem to his family and the original Chinese version, of which I attach a copy hereunder, is to be found on page 47, chapter 23, of the Poet's Collected Works.

T. Y. Lo.

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

俞曲園臨終別家人
春在堂詩二十三
卷四十七頁
骨肉由來是強名
偶同逆旅便關情
從今散了提休戲
莫更鋪排傀儡棚

Loosen and Unloosen:

No Difference Claimed

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Anent COLLEGE GREEN's enquiry "Loosen" and "Unloosen" the difference is none.

The same applies to "Ravel" and "Unravel."

F.S.M.B.

Shanghai, Dec. 10.

Closely Watched

Paying for the War: A Problem Of Social Justice

Noted Economist Propounds Scheme of Compulsory Saving Designed to Reduce Wartime Purchasing Power

NOTHING is more certain than that the wages bill of this country will increase. More men will be employed, and sometimes, as a result of "dilution," at a higher grade of work than that to which they are accustomed; they will work longer hours and at overtime rates; and it is to be expected that a demand for labour in excess of the supply will result in sporadic, and perhaps widespread, increases in wage rates themselves by at least some figure such as 5 or 10 per cent., writes J. M. Keynes in "The Times." Already in October coalminers, textile workers, agricultural labourers, and railway workers were given a rise. An increase in the purchasing power of wage-earners by at least £500,000,000 a year is to be expected; and by the time we have reached our maximum effort a much larger increase than this would be inevitable. Failing special measures to the contrary, a substantial proportion of this sum will be spent in the shops and elsewhere.

It is the declared policy of the Government to keep the prices of consumption goods as near as they can to the pre-war level. If they succeed, it follows that the purchasing power of the working classes will command in the aggregate substantially more goods than before, even if a general rise of wages is avoided. And if a further rise of wages is allowed, to compensate for any higher cost of living resulting from this expansion of demand, the situation will be correspondingly aggravated. For all that the outside observer can observe, the problem thus created—the central problem of the home economic front, a problem which requires for its solution the co-ordination of price policy, budget policy, and wages policy—has not yet been faced.

It is arguable that the present rate of Government expenditure of (say) £2,500,000,000 a year is compatible with the maintenance of something not much worse than the pre-war standard of working-class consumption. At least it will be so arguable when we are no longer reducing our productive capacity by an extravagant A.R.P. policy out of proportion to the protection gained. But no one can suppose that we can afford an appreciable improvement over the pre-war standard. And any further increase towards our maximum war effort must be at the expense of pre-war standards of consumption.

Thus the working classes will have a substantially larger money-income than before, but they must not, at the best, consume any more than they did. For the wise and just solution of this problem the leaders of the working class must be taken into earnest and sincere consultation. An economist may be able to help by indicating the alternatives which are open to us. But the choice between them must depend on political and human considerations about which every one is entitled to his opinion.

There are three genuine ways of reaching equilibrium, and two pseudo-remedies. The first pseudo-remedy is by rationing. If there is so great a relative lack of an essential article of consumption that a reasonable rise in price cannot restore equilibrium between supply and demand, we must have recourse to rationing. But against a general increase of purchasing power rationing is useless. It merely serves to divert demand from the rationed to the unrational article. Rationing is always a bad method of control because it has to go on the assumption that every one normally spends the same amount on a given article; and, even apart from the intolerable bureaucratic burden which is involved, this characteristic puts out of court a system of universal rationing applied to all articles. The second pseudo-remedy is an anti-profiteering measure, which exalts into undue prominence the least significant cause of rising prices. Therefore those whose first thoughts run to rationing and anti-profiteering have not begun to discern the real nature of the problem—namely, that the aggregate of purchasing power is increasing faster than the available supply of good.

Genuine Remedies

Let us turn to the three genuine remedies. All of them will have to be applied in some measure, but the degree to which we depend on each it is more difficult to decide. The first is to allow prices to rise. Some rise in prices is inevitable. Indeed, in spite of all efforts to the contrary, the cost of living has risen by 6½ per cent. in the first month of the war. But some rise is also desirable. For otherwise, as a result of the depreciation of the exchange, the increased cost of transport and insurance, and the rise of prices abroad, the goods would have to be sold at a loss, quite apart from higher costs at home. There is an important distinction between a higher price corresponding to the higher world prices and a still higher price which is out of relation to the rest of the world. It is unlikely that we can avoid some further rise up to (say) 20 per cent. above pre-war, due to both causes. But if we were to depend on this remedy alone, the rise in prices sufficient to restore equilibrium would be beyond all reason and endurance. The yield of the excess profits tax would gain, but most of the other consequences would be bad. We cannot avoid the "vicious spiral" of rising prices and wages merely by attending to the cost of living; for the first step of the spiral's ascent can begin just as well at the wages end, and this, perhaps, is what happens more often. But an excessive rise of prices will assuredly set such a process in motion. Apart from this, there are grave disadvantages in this method, except in strict moderation. A rising cost of living puts an equal proportionate burden on every one, irrespective of his level of income, from the old-age pensioner upwards, and is a cause, therefore, of great social injustice. Moreover it is largely futile unless we recast our wages system. The rise in prices helps only to the extent that it is greater than the rise in wages. But there are today many wage-rates linked by agreement with the cost of living, so that the two move together.

Taxation as Remedy

The second genuine remedy is taxation. But to help solve our present problem it must involve taxation of the working classes. Three-fifths of the net expenditure on consumption (after deducting normal saving and taxation) is by those whose incomes are less than £250 a year, and it is this class whose incomes are likely to rise by upwards of 11 per cent.

If every one spends, prices will rise until no one is better off. The increased earnings of the working class will not have benefited them one penny, but will have escaped through higher prices and higher profits, partly into taxation and partly into the savings of the entrepreneur class. Here, therefore, is the perfect case for compulsion; for general compulsion will benefit all its victims alike. A chance is given us to use the opportunity of war finance—an opportunity always missed hitherto—to increase the individual resources of the working class and not merely of the entrepreneur class.

Mr. Keynes' Plan

The following are the details of my proposal:—

(1) A percentage of all incomes in excess of a stipulated minimum income will be paid over to the Government, partly as compulsory savings and partly as direct taxes. The percentage taken will rise steeply as the level of income increases.

(2) The stipulated income, which would be free of the levy, might be 35s. a week for an unmarried man, 45s. for a married man, with an addition of 7s. 6d. a week for each child. Thus an unmarried man with 40s. a week would contribute 1s. a week, while a married man with two children would pay nothing until his income was above 60s. a week.

(3) A part of this amount will be credited to the individual as a deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank. The balance will be used to discharge his income-tax and surtax, if any. The percentage of the levy credited as a savings deposit will fall, and the percentage taken as taxes will obviously rise, as the level of income increases.

(4) The sums credited in the Savings Bank, which will carry 2½ per cent. interest, will be blocked for the time being, and will not be available, generally speaking, for current expenditure or as security against loans. But the holder will be allowed to use them to meet pre-war commitments of a capital nature, such as instalments to a building society, or for hire-purchase, or to meet insurance premiums. He can also use them, with the approval of a local committee, to meet exceptional and unavoidable expenses, arising, for example, out of illness or unemployment. They would be available to meet death duties.

After The War

(5) The deposits will be unblocked and made freely available to the holder, probably by a series of instalments, at some date after the war. The appropriate date for release would have arrived when the resources of the community were no longer fully engaged. Such releases would help us through the first post-war slump, and would give us time to concert more permanent plans. There would be perfect efficiency in this. The people could enjoy the consumption to which their war efforts had entitled them at a time when his would cost the community nothing, since the resources required would otherwise be running to waste.

(6) The machinery for collection would be the same as for National Insurance in the case of wage-earners, with employers stamping Post Office Savings books at a rate appropriate to the week's earnings, subject to quarterly adjustment by the Post Office should earnings have fluctuated; and the same as for income-tax in the case of others, the total lump sum due under the above scale for both purposes being deducted at source at the standard rate of income-tax (i.e., 7s. 6d. in the £), subject to subsequent adjustment by the Revenue in the individual case exactly as at present for the purposes of allowances and surtax. Thus no new machinery would be required.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF DECEMBER 12, 1869

The Desk Hong List, which is published every year from this office, is now being busily prepared; and the aid of the community is solicited to make it as perfect as possible. Matter, which we hope is useful, is each year added to the book while nothing is added to the price. The publishers can only hope, therefore, to repay themselves by extended circulation, for the addition labour and expense. A systematic canvas for details, for a work of this nature is beyond their reach, here. They must therefore trust in a great measure to the spontaneous help of the community, for the necessary information and suggestions. If the necessary support be accorded, it is hoped, to supply every year, a more useful and comprehensive volume.

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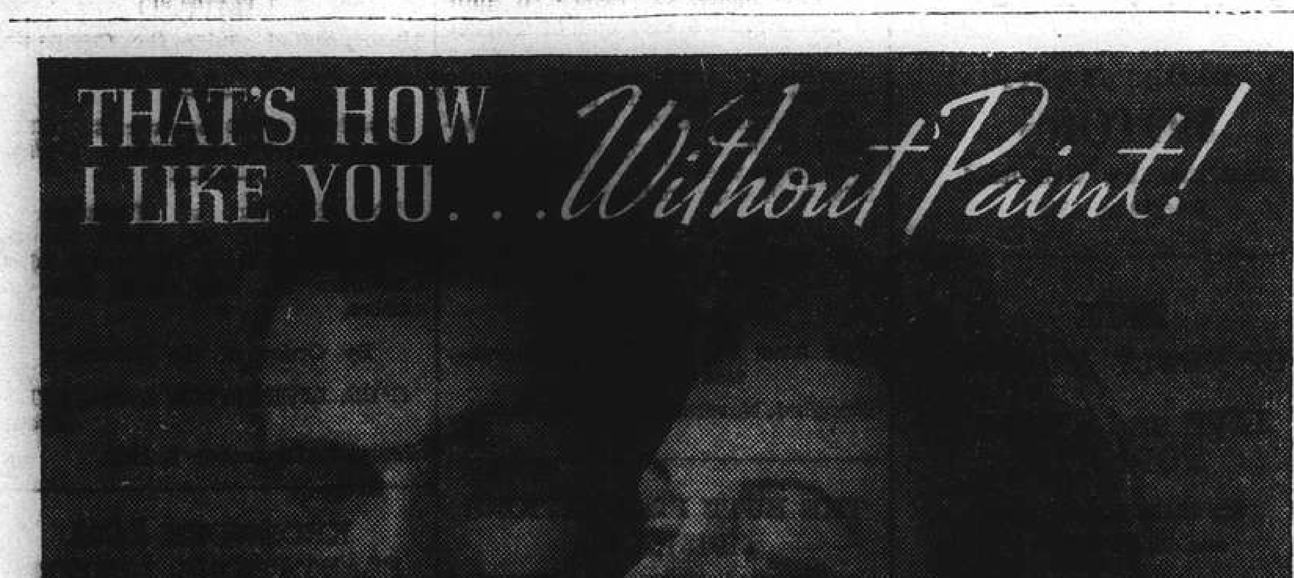

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THE BOOK PAGE

Told to the People

THE CHINESE NOVEL. Nobel Lecture delivered before the Swedish Academy at Stockholm, December 12, 1938, by Pearl S. Buck. Macmillan, London. 3/6.

After having been awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature on December 10, 1938, at Stockholm, Pearl Buck was asked to lecture on a literary subject. This lecture, delivered before the Swedish Academy on December 12, 1938, was repeated as a Phi Beta Kappa address at Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg, Virginia, on April 22, 1939, and has now been published in book form under the title "The Chinese Novel." The citation accompanying the Nobel Prize award read, "For rich and genuine epic portrayals of Chinese peasant life, and for masterpieces of biography."

Light for the West

The lecture which Miss Buck gave before the Swedish Academy can leave no doubt in one's mind that she is not only well acquainted with life and customs in this country, but that she has such a profound knowledge of the Chinese novel, its origins, its purposes and its power, that the publishers were wise in issuing the lecture in book form, because, although only 53 pages long, every sentence is full of value to the student of Chinese literature. The author admits that it is the Chinese and not the American novel which has shaped her own efforts in writing. Her earliest knowledge of stories, of how to tell and write stories, she says, came from China. Miss Buck is also of the opinion that the Chinese novel has an illumination for the Western novel and for the Western novelist.

Scholar's Scorn

In dealing with the novel in China, the author asserts that it was never an art and was never so considered, nor did any Chinese novelist think of himself as an artist, for in this country art and the novel have always been widely separated. Literature as an art was the exclusive property of scholars, and if scholars ignored the people, the people to whom the novel in China belonged in turn laughed at the scholars. Scholars long figured in the Chinese novel as a class of whom fun is made. The novel in China was written for the people, and by authors most of whom, unlike our authors, remained unknown and who saw their original creations altered by future generations in order to adapt them to conditions then existing. But for the most part the old Chinese scholar reasoned thus about a novel:

Literature is art.
All art has social significance.
This book has no social significance.
Therefore it is not literature.

When Work Was Done

In this way the Chinese novel has never been considered literature, and in such a school, Miss Buck continues, was she trained. The reason why the Chinese novel was written in the vernacular was because the common people could not read or write, and the novel had to be written so that, when it was read aloud, it could be understood by persons who could communicate only through spoken words. On holidays and evenings, when the work was done, maybe the only man capable of reading in a village of 200 inhabitants, would read aloud from some story. After a while people took up a collection of pennies, because the reader needed tea to wet his throat. If the collections grew big enough he gave up his regular work and became a professional story-teller, and the stories he read were the beginnings of novels. There were not many stories written down, so the story-teller began to increase his stock. He searched the dry annals of history which the scholars had written, and with his fertile imagination he clothed long-dead figures with new flesh and made them live again.

Three Best Sellers

While there are hundreds of novels in China, there are three known by every man and boy. They are "Shui Hu," "San Kuo," and "Hung Lou Meng." In these three novels are the lives which the Chinese people lead and have long led.

The book is well presented, printed in large type and bound in a hard cover. It should find a place of honour beside Miss Buck's novels, because it will, to some extent, show the reader how the author approaches her subject.—A.S.I.

Italian Quarterly

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The second issue of "Il Marco Polo" amply fulfils the promise of the first; a very well-produced volume, printed in Italian, French, English and Japanese, illustrated with unusual photographs, maps, and two pages of Sapajou's ideas on Marco Polo's arrival in China. Outstanding articles are those on the Moros Population of Mindanao, Mei Lan-fang, Mongolia, Father Matteo Ricci, the Italian armed forces, Japanese economics. The issue is concluded by eight surveys of recent Italian and Far Eastern events, Far Eastern economics and finance, while for poets are two Italian translations, side by side with the Chinese, from the works of Tu-fu and Li Po.

Socialist and Philosopher

KARL MARX. His Life and Environment. By I. Berlin. Fellow of New College, Oxford. The Home University Library of Modern Knowledge. Thornton Butterworth, London. 2/6.

The Home University Library has maintained a wonderfully high standard in its series of publications—the volumes are small and handy, the quality of the paper is good and the print excellent. This series can be thoroughly recommended. In this volume Mr. Berlin has given us a very comprehensive account of his subject, about whom there is a lot to be said. There have been quite a number of biographies of Karl Marx published, but it is safe to say that the one under review does not fall short of the high standard set by previous writers.

Dweller in Soho

Karl Marx was, as everybody knows, an eminent German socialist and philosopher. He was born in 1818 and died in 1883. He was a great thinker and theorist, and in his earlier years an agitator, though later in life he became more of a teacher than an agitator. He was a prolific writer and published many works, of which perhaps "A Manifest der Kommunisten" and "Das Kapital" are the best known. The former is a history of the working-class group. In 1848 Marx was in Cologne, the year in which revolution broke out in France. He advocated revolution and armed resistance, was tried for high treason and acquitted. In 1849 he was expelled from Prussian territory and fled to Paris. There he was not allowed to remain, so crossed to England and spent the rest of his life there. He lived for many years in great financial straits in Soho. All his family died young, probably owing to the surroundings in which they were brought up.

Brains v. Hands

Marx's socialism emphasized the class struggle, and he was a great exponent of the "surplus value" theory. He did not, however, subscribe to the socialistic theory that each worker ought to receive the full value of his own production, but held that production was a co-operative process, and as it was impossible to say how much any individual had produced, the right to the whole produce became a social right of all workers to all the product of their combined and co-operative labour. He also held the somewhat unusual theory for a socialist that brain production was the equal in value of manual production.

Views on Dictatorship

The doctrine of the dictatorship of the proletariat, emphasized by modern communists, is directly based on Marx's Theory of State. In his view dictatorship is the means whereby the proletariat makes and directs the authority of a new state of its own. It is a necessary instrument for crushing revolution and the establishment of a new order. Once this has been done, however, the need for dictatorship disappears. Once the new state is formed there is no proletariat to be dictated to. All classes merge into one. In fact Marxist socialism, like all others, ends in the proclamation of a Utopia. Marx's theories form the basis of nearly all present day advanced socialism and communism, but one only has to look at the Italy, Germany and Russia of today to see how far they have drifted from the idealistic theories produced by Karl Marx, and it would be interesting to know how he would have regarded the iconoclastic methods of present day dictators. A head-note to one of the chapters of this book, quoted from Michael Bakunin, is interesting, particularly at the present time—it is as follows:

> They (the Germans) will never rise. They would sooner die than rebel... perhaps even a German when he has been driven to absolute despair, will cease to argue, but it needs a colossal amount of unspeakable oppression, insult, injustice and suffering to reduce him to that state.—A.R.C.M.

New Fiction

Certainly one of the most refreshing and appealing novels published for a considerable time, **"Love in the Sun"** (Collins, London, 7/6) can be unreservedly recommended as a classic in the art of writing, something that is essentially a revealing drama of the earth and sea. A tale beautifully conceived and exquisitely unfolded of a man and a maid possessing nothing but their faith in life, their hope in the future, and an unbounded love for each other, it is as striking a plot as one could desire, yet so extremely simple. Yet its bare though fragrant simplicity is as refreshing and delightful as a rolling meadow in autumn after a light rainfall.

To Mr. Leo Walmsley, the brilliant author, I tender my grateful thanks, for if ever a book was created for the sole purpose of putting readers in a happy frame of mind and making them conscious of the manner in which the honest, good and essential features of this life are more than ever bound up in sheer simplicity, then this is it.

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Mr. Walmsley does not tire the long-suffering novel-reading public with a series of complicated subplots that have all the distractions of sex and the sighings and simperings of modern-day misses and their escorts. Not a bit of it! He tells us a tale of an ideally suited couple who, because of their courage to face repeated trials, are able eventually to triumph over every hardship that comes their way. They find a deserted cove in the warm sunshine of South Cornwall, convert an old, almost decrepit army hut into their pleasing little home, grow their own vegetables, catch fish, and earn enough—and only enough—from the land and the sea during the golden summer months to tide them over the colder days, so that he may write a best seller and she may have her baby. And then with three of them in the family, he constructs a seaworthy boat of modest dimensions by the sweat of his brow and the honest toil of his hands, to enjoy more the delights of the sea and wind. Of course he succeeds, but the beauty of the book does not lie in its climax but rather in its very pointed lesson to those who are weary of the delights of modern civilization. It's the type of book one wishes would never end, it's so vital. "Three Fevers" and "Sally Lunn," previous examples of this masterly writer's genius, were outstanding, but **"Love in the Sun"** surpasses them both. A great book that will most certainly stand the test of time.—F.A.P.

Those who do not pity the weak will suffer violence from the powerful. It does not always happen that the strong arm can overpower the hand of the weak. Distress not the heart of the weak, lest you fall by one more powerful than yourself.—THE "GULISTAN" OF SADI.

Scientists in the Present War

Readiness for Enemy Surprises; Secret Destructive Weapons

In this war, even more than in 1914-18, the scientist is a key man. British defensive preparations, for instance, are based in the assumption that a dictator such as Hitler may summon all his cleverest scientists and say: "I want you to produce for me the most destructive weapon that has ever been known." This was made clear in a talk given by the Director of Scientific Research of the Ministry of Supply, who gave this assurance: that, while the enemy undoubtedly have a surprise in store for us, we have one or two in waiting ourselves, states "The Times." He said that there were certain means of warfare which have not been adopted up to the present for humane considerations, but that that reservation may break down at any moment, and that it would be unwise not to be prepared for its breaking down.

A skilful and determined enemy, he went on, must be expected to spring surprises—even a country like Germany, denuded as it had been of a great deal of its talent. We had to be prepared for surprises, and we could make a review of the possibilities. The state of science was such that we could expect something to break fairly soon; it might be in Germany, in Japan, anywhere. The weapons which the military forces have at their disposal are not the best that science could provide, and a dictator might at any time gather his scientists together and ask them to produce something far worse. We had to be prepared for that and, with the best scientific brains of our country mobilized, for carrying out an investigation or series of investigations to provide an answer. It must be a quick answer, not one found in perhaps five months, but in a couple of days. Asked to comment on Hitler's boast of a secret weapon, the Director of Scientific Research said that any military officer or political head who thought that science had given him the most destructive weapon possible would be making a very silly mistake. "We certainly have a surprise ready for the enemy," he added.

Mobilization of Talent

He went on to explain how today the leading scientists of the country are mobilized for action and how the whole body of scientists, putting aside personal convenience and political opinions, have selflessly offered their services to the Government at this time. Thus, on top of a vastly superior scientific and research organization compared with what was considered sufficient in 1914, 17 distinguished scientists, with 14 personal assistants, have given up their normal occupations for the duration of the war and are giving full-time duty at headquarters or at technical establishments of the Ministry, enabling the progress of existing important researches to be accelerated and new investigations to be started. They will in addition be ready to make reply to any secret weapons.

Assisting them will be the workers in university and industrial laboratories, together with those responsible for the conduct of independent research for the Service Departments. This scheme was worked out in detail six months before the war started, and on September 3 it was merely a matter of pressing a button to bring it into active being. Teams of scientists are being held in reserve to deal with specific problems which may arise, each directed by the ackowledged leader in his branch of science.

War Emergency Scheme

This war emergency scheme, to which much thought has been devoted, is perhaps the most comprehensive mobilization of scientific and technical talent in the national service that has ever been attempted, said the Director of Scientific Research, and he paid tribute to the help given by the Ministry of Labour and the Royal Society. The Ministry of Supply feels (the Director stated) that it has evolved a scheme which will enable us to meet quickly any surprise that may be thrown at us. In particular, he empasized, scientists have been ready to put all else on one side and come to the aid of their country.

So, too, have many other members of the population. More than 300 new inventions a week are reaching the Ministry. Only one is turned down at once—anything which, if adopted by the Government, will immediately put the entire enemy force out of action and bring the war to a victorious close, but nothing about which can be disclosed before the payment down in cash of, say, £100,000. The remainder of the proposals made are most carefully examined, and something like one in a 100 proves of value. War stimulates invention and all sorts of ordinary folk are having their imaginations fired by the needs of the times; each device they submit is considered with meticulous care. Sometimes, unknown to the inventor, his machine contains the germ of an idea which can be developed for some purpose quite different from what he had in mind. Many of the inventions submitted have to do with anti-aircraft defence, death rays come in the rate of two a week at least.

Locusts from the Sky

Among the more impossible suggestions made have been the dropping of locusts in glass bottles, attached to small parachutes, behind the enemy's lines next summer to eat up his agricultural produce. Many amateur inventors want giant magnets to be used to discorganize the compasses of invading aircraft and of enemy ships at sea. Another man suggested dropping petrol all over the enemy lines and then setting the whole area alight. Yet another suggestion was that the British troops should push huge steel spheres in front of them to protect them from enemy attack; asked whether they would not be rather heavy, the inventor replied, "Make them hollow." Iron bars with steel wires attached, which would net a group of enemy aircraft, was another proposal, and a radio device was put forward which, it was claimed, would bring down aeroplanes, produce frightful burns, counteract gas, and do everything else except break the Ten Commandments.

Giving examples of the value of the work done in the laboratory, the Director said that over 20 years of co-operation between chemist and physiologist had gone to the making of the respirator with which men in the Services and civilans are now fully equipped. Lessons gained from the Spanish war had been applied by the A.R.P. Department of the Home Office.

Japan Centres Her Hopes On New China Regime

Closely Following the War in Europe and American Trade Treaty Moves; Threat of U.S. Embargo

THE war in Europe, on the one hand, and America's strong stand, as stated by Ambassador Joseph C. Grew, on the other, are having a pronounced effect on the war in the Far East, writes Nathaniel Peffer in the "New York Times." The result has been to make the war in Asia remarkably similar to the war in Europe. In both wars the main campaigns are now diplomatic rather than military. The Japanese strategy of offensive in stages has not been abandoned, but today it is directed to a peace offensive with political weapons.

The change is attributable not wholly but in large part to the European war. It is not so much that the effect of the European war has been to suspend operations in the Far East as that both the Japanese and Chinese do not know what the effect of the European war is or what the final alignment will be.

To the Japanese the European war represents thus far a shattered hope. They had counted on such a war as a time of harvesting. Europe would be too busy to see or act and the United States would be too far committed in the Atlantic to be a free agent in the Pacific.

The assumption was nullified by one fact: the Russian-German pact. Presumptively, at least, that pact freed Russia's hands in the East and at the same time withdrew German support from Japan. Great Britain and France might be preoccupied in the West and therefore helpless in the East, but Russia was not. Furthermore, there was no assurance that Britain and France could not turn back speedily to the Far East.

Japan, therefore, had reluctant recourse to two measures soon after the British declared war. First, she made an armistice with the Russians on the Mongolian border, where a minor war was already in progress. Thus the danger of a war with Russia, in which the whole weight of the Red Army would have to be borne by Japan alone, was allayed at least for the moment. Second, Japan set out to deal a decisive blow to the Chinese in the hope of getting the China war out of the way so that she would be free to meet whatever turned up as a result of events in Europe.

The offensive in Kiangsi and Hunan was started under conditions that seemed to repeat the first stages of all the other military offensives since 1937. The Japanese advanced to the outskirts of Changsha—and then the Chinese turned and forced them to retreat.

There has recently been evidence that the Russians are continuing to send supplies to the Chinese but there is no confirmation of reports that the quantity has materially increased.

New Campaign Needed

In result, the Japanese must now embark on another offensive if only to retrieve their prestige, especially now that they are apparently about servation of the *status quo* in China

While Europe marks time Japan is carrying forward a peace offensive in China in conjunction with her military offensive. A government, with Wang Ching-wei at its head, is to be set up and recognized by Tokyo as the legal government of China. A peace treaty is to be concluded with the new regime. Then Japan presumably will be able to capitalize on the European war through an intermediary.

The offence direct cannot yet be given to France and Britain. But if a nominally sovereign China decided to take advantage of the European war to recover her lost sovereign rights and clear Chinese soil of foreign occupants, then the issue would be between China and the dispossessed foreign powers. The nominally sovereign China might be a puppet with strings leading to Tokyo, but Japan could officially disclaim responsibility.

Such strategy, however appealing at the moment, would be of dubious worth. With Manchurian precedents before them, all Western countries would be on guard in advance. Whatever the technicalities might be, the responsibility would be put squarely on Japan, and Japan would be forced to give an accounting if the dispossessed countries emerged strong from the European war.

Another Possibility

Of this the Japanese Army is probably fully aware, and it may therefore content itself with using the puppet government as a bargaining point. In other words, it might offer to Great Britain and France the preservation of the status quo in China provided they ceased giving aid and comfort to the Chiang Kai-shek government and, unofficially at least, recognized the puppet regime.

Whatever accord or bargain Japan might be disposed to strike with Great Britain and France, using the puppet government as a token, there is another reason for Japan's indecision, perhaps the most potent reason. That is the United States. On January 27 the treaty of commerce between Japan and the United States will expire, as notified by Washington last July. From January 28 forward, unless a new treaty is signed, the United States, too, will have a bargaining point.

Question of Embargo

Now even more than before last September Japan is dependent on America as a source of military supplies, and now American producers of raw materials are less dependent on the Japanese market. With the revised American neutrality legislation and enlarged European demand for oil, scrap metals, copper and cotton, an embargo on exports to Japan could be levied with something nearer economic impunity. The British and French have cash and the Japanese, while not yet without gold, are running short of cash. For the first time since the invasion started domestic circumstances will be favourable for cutting off the Japanese from American resources.

Of this, too, the Japanese are becoming aware, more particularly since Ambassador Grew, on his return to Tokyo, has repeatedly declared that America does not like Japanese army actions in China. While the United States has not yet announced its intention of accepting responsibility for preserving the *status quo* in China while Europe is at war, the inferences from its statements and actions are unmistakable. They are sufficient to give the Japanese pause.

An American embargo, now practicable for the first time, is a club held over the Japanese. Whatever happens in Europe, it is the most effective guarantee of Japanese moderation.

MR. Victor Mallet, transferred from Washington to be British Minister in Havana, is a son of the late Sir Bernard Mallet, a former Registrar-General. He is one of the few Englishmen who can speak Persian really well. He learnt it during two spells of duty in Teheran. When he is in England he lives in a house on the South Coast quaintly named Pickwick Hall.

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Officers:—The following extracts from the Municipal Gazette dated Dec. 8, 1939, are published for information:—Promotions:—Corps Headquarters.—L. (Temporary Capt.) L. A. Whittaker is promoted Captain with effect from Nov. 16. Officers' Commissions—Renewals:—The undermentioned Officers' Commissions are renewed under Art. XI of Corps Regs.—Armoured Car Company.—Lt. C. L. Hill Nov. 20. Interpreter Company.—Lt. S. M. Zee Nov. 2, Lt. J. F. Share Nov. 3, Lt. Y. T Tsoong Nov. 4.

Appointments:—Major E. S. Barraclough, M.C. assumes Command of "A" Battalion Headquarters with effect from Dec. 1. Major C. C. Todd relinquishes Command of "A" Battalion Headquarters with effect from Dec. 1.

Unit Command:—Lieutenant W. G. T. Howe will assume Command of Light Automatic (A.D.) Company with effect from Dec. 15, during absence on leave of Captain J. E. Badeley.

Officers—Return from Leave:—Corps Headquarters.—Captain A. Kendal Ward return from leave Dec. 7. "A" Battalion H.G.—Major E. S. Barraclough M.C. return from leave Dec. 1. Reserve of Officers "A".—Lieutenant G. D. Nichol return from leave Dec. 7.

Weapon Training — Classification (Rifle).—The unmentioned have qualified on "20 yards Range":—Shanghai Light Horse.—Troopers H. D. M. Burton, G. H. Dickson, W. J. Keswick. "A" Company.—Privates G. G. Clarke, E. R. S. Creasy, J. E. Green, F. L. Seymour, W. Whaley, W. J. Cole, R. J. Parsons, G. J. Weis, R. G. Hopwood, J. Weldman. Shanghai Scottish Company.—Privates J. H. Jonns, J. D. A. Fletcher, R. A. Black. Jewish Company.—Privates B. Zatz, M. Zatz, G. Flatow, H. Nisenbaum, H. Klinger, M. S. Miller, W. Beck, S. Feldman, J. D. Ozerlansky, W. Lomnitz, W. Schonfeld, W. D. R. Raymond, R. Weiszenberg, V. Zoubitsky. Light Automatic (A.D.) Company.—Privates H. W. E. Rakenius, D. W. Mortlock, W. A. Stewart, J. Dogloff, G. Weissenberg, B. A. St. Louis, M. W. Turner, P. G. A. Cantopher, W. R. McCutcheon, S. A. Tremlett, G. W. Jenssen, F. C. B. Black, J. R. Kale, K. R. Burch, G. A. Wurm.

Inter-Unit Transfers:—Corporal A. Nilus, No. 3 (Vol) Company is transferred to Shanghai Field Company, with effect from Dec. 1.

Strength:—Increase:—The undermentioned are taken on the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Troops:—Signals Company.—Sgm. F. Hertzka Dec. 2. Armoured Car Co.—Privates W. V. K. Chadwick Dec. 4, O. P. Edwards Dec. 4, D. S. Harley, Dec. 5. H. P. Berents, Dec. 7. Chinese Company:—Privates M. Y. Kou Dec. 4, S. C. Yu Dec. 4, Z. F. Loh Dec. 4, C. V. Lee Dec. 4, C. K. Sha Dec. 4, W. P. Chwang Dec. 4, W. C. Feng Dec. 4, J. Chao Dec. 4, K. F. Doo Dec. 4, P. T. Wang Dec. 4, B. Y. Liu Dec. 4, H. M. Koo Dec. 4, W. Yue Dec. 4, T. M. Loh Dec. 4, Z. L. Dzing Dec. 4, P. T. Liang Dec. 4, C. C. Woo Dec. 4, T. Y. Sung Dec. 4, K. C. Wang Dec. 4, K. S. Tsoong Dec. 4, F. C. Yang Dec. 4, S. C. Chu Dec. 4, W. C. Lee Dec. 4. Transport Company.—Privates R. Chand Dec. 4, L. Seelig Dec. 6, B. C. Remedios Dec. 7. "A" Battalion:—"A" Company.—Pte. A. P. D. Kennedy Dec. 4. Jewish Company.—Pte. S. Zatz Dec. 5. Light Automatic (A.D.) Company.—Privates A. P. T. Taylor-Gill Nov. 20, G. J. Winney Dec. 1. Decrease:—The undermentioned are taken off the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Troops:—Field Company.—Cpl. J. Read Dec. 1. Amoured Car Co.—L/Cpl. J. S. Blanford Dec. 1. Pte. N. M. W. Harris Dec. 1. Pte. D. A. Hughes Dec. 1, Pte. R. A. Josecelyne Dec. 1.

Leave:—Light Automatic (A.D.) Company.—Lieutenant H. V. Gulston from 15-12-39 to 15-7-40.

"The China Journal"

It is not in any very cheerful spirit that the approach of Christmas can be hailed this year, and the short editorials of "The China Journal" Christmas number bear witness to that fact, followed as they are by the "War Diary." But as the pages are turned, beautiful and peaceful scenes, old Chinese paintings, quaint forms of pottery, will lead the thoughts, temporarily at any rate, into more normal channels. "Glimpses of Burma," by the Rev. W. H. Hudspeth, is a brightly written article illustrated by excellent photographs. Mr. Hubert Freyn deals with the stage, "Tragedy in Western and Chinese Culture," and there is a short biography of Dr. Mei Lan-fang under "Personalities in the News." Mr. A. S. Loukashkin, of the Harbin Museum, Manchurian Research Institute, makes "Some Observations upon the Natural Food of the Amur Ring-Necked Pheasant in Northern Manchuria," while "A Day at the Snake Farm in Bangkok," under the auspices of the Pasteur Institute of the Siamese Red Cross, shows the efforts that are being made for the protection of humanity from the results of attack by venomous reptiles. The editor, Mr. Bruno Kroker, writes on "Classical China and the Modern Historian," and Mr. Sterling S. Beath on "Black Pottery of the Liang Chu Site near Hangchow." In addition to other articles, the issue contains all its other useful features.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Hungjao Golf Championship

Hugh Barton Wins From C. O. Cumming in Grand Match; A. S. Adamson Loses to B. E. Caulton

ALTHOUGH the golf played in the Final (36 holes) of the Club Championship on Sunday between C.O. Cumming and Hugh Barton was hardly an exhibition of how the game should be played, it was a grand match nevertheless between two powerful players who stand up and lay into their shots. The weather was fresh and boisterous and it was not a day for low-scoring. Barton won by 2 and one.

The first ten holes were won alternately, at which point Barton was one up, and the remaining eight holes were halved. Barton lost his lead at the first hole of the second 18, which Cumming won in 5 to 6. Cumming was in the bunker beyond the 2nd. green with his third shot, while Barton was in the bunker short of the green with the like, the whole resulting in a poor half in six.

At the 3rd hole, both were far wide of the mark with their tee shots and their approaches were some distance from the pin, Barton getting down in two putts and winning the hole with a scrappy 4 to Cumming's 5.

The 4th hole went to Cumming in a well played 5, Barton taking 3 putts. At the 5th hole, Barton hit a mighty drive which would certainly have been in the pond beyond the 6th tee had it not hit a tree, the ball dropping into the bunker short of the green. Cumming's tee shot was badly pulled and after rattling through the trees he finished about equi-distant to Barton from the pin but clear, the hole being halved in 4.

Pulled into the Water

At the 6th (pond) hole, Barton pulled into the water on the left of the green and Cumming taking no chances put his tee shot far wide of the Relief Green. He played an indifferent second but managed to get a 4. Barton, after losing a stroke from picking out of the water, played a beautiful niblick shot to within a few feet of the pin, but he missed the putt and this made Cumming one up.

At the Punch-bowl, Cumming's tee shot was pulled and finished near the wire-guard, Barton's on the other hand was badly sliced. Both players missed their approaches but Cumming scrambled a 4 against Barton's five. Cumming 2 up.

At the 8th hole Barton topped his tee shot into the creek, but he had a good third. His fourth shot was bunkered short of the green on the left. Cumming was short of the green in 3, then 3 yards passed the pin with his 4th. Barton then made a brilliant recovery to within 2 yards of the pin, but missed the putt to lose another hole and become 3 down. Cumming fluffed his tee shot at the 9th, the ball going about 40 yards. Barton then proceeded to put his ball out-of-bounds in the Village. Barton playing his second shot was nicely on the green ten yards from the pin. Cumming's second was muffed and Barton won the hole in 4.

Beautiful Tee Shot

At the 10th hole Cumming played a beautiful tee shot which unfortunately finished in the bunker on the face of the green. Barton missed his tee shot and finished in the trees. His second shot was below the green on the left while Cumming's recovery from the bunker was good, being three yards from the pin. Barton then proceeded to hole his niblick shot and Cumming missing the putt found himself only one up.

Barton's tee shot at the 11th was badly pulled and Cumming with a long one was on the grassy slope of Mae West. Barton topped his second and finished in the sandy part of. He them made a brilliant recovery from the bunker, the ball unfortunately kicking on the edge of the green into the bunker. Cumming with a good second was just short of the green. Barton's niblick again came to his rescue his recovery shot finishing one foot from the pin. Cumming took three putts and the hole was halved.

At the 12th hole Barton sliced a badly mishit tee shot on to the edge of the 14th fairway, Cumming replying with a screamer dead on the pin. Barton topped his second, but fortunately finished short of the creek. Cumming's second finished in the bunker on the left of the green but was lying well. At this point of the game it looked like "Lombard Street to a China Orange" that the hole was going to Cumming as Barton was left with a very difficult approach shot over the water and a high tree. He managed to get the ball on the green, although it finished a long way from the pin. Cumming fluffed his shot from the bunker and had to play the like, his ball finishing 2 yards beyond the pin. Barton then putted and laid Cumming a dead stymie and won he hole, making him one up.

Conceded 13th Hole

Both played miserable shots at the 13th Hole Barton finishing in the Creek, and Cumming well to the left of it but clear. After lifting from the creek under penalty of one shot, Barton went back into the creek with his 3rd and conceded the hole to Cumming. Cumming one up.

At the 14th hole both drives were long and beautifully placed, Barton, however, hit his second, nicely on to the green, whereas Cumming pushed his well out to the right. Cumming then muffed his third and Barton won the hole easily in 4.

At the 15th hole Barton's drive was short and well to the left, while Cumming was 250 yards straight down the fairway, with a good brassie and approach Barton was well on the green but 20 yards from the pin. Cumming who had played a beautiful second then played a magnificent third to within 2 yards of the pin, but he missed his putt for a four and the hole was halved in 5. Match all square.

Barton Assumes Lead

At the 16th hole Barton who is a chronic hooker, took no chances and played well to the right of the pin, his ball finishing on the edge of the green. Cumming, on the other hand, went for the pin, but the strong cross wind forced his slightly hooked tee shot into the creek and out-of-bounds. His second shot mas well on the green but he could do no better than a 4, Barton taking 3 and assuming the lead.

At the 17th hole Barton hit a beautiful drive right down the middle but Cumming pulled his shot and the big trees near the 5th green blocked his approach to the 17th green. The wisest thing would have been for him to play short of the creek with his second, hoping to find the green with his third, as a 5 at this hole is usually good enough for a half. He elected, however, to hook round the trees with a high shot, but the hook came in too soon and his ball hit the trees and then bounded forward into the creek. Barton's second although very well hit finished in the bunkers on the left. He played safely on to the green, however, and his 5 was good enough to win the hole and the match by 2 and one.

Barton owes his success to his dogged perseverance and high courage around the greens. His trusty niblick must have been red-hot at the end of the day from the amount of blasting it had to do. Barton holds the club with a double overlap and his grip suggests a chronic hooker, as he is. If he could only hold his club in a manner which would enable him to keep the ball straighter he would be a greatly improved player, for not only has he the physic and power but his short game is excellent.

He was runner-up in 1935 and 1936 and his win was very popular, although it was expected that Cumming would beat him. Cumming was not stabbing his putts in his usual successful manner and his very risky wristy chip shots were not coming off. Both he and Ricketts play their chips in a somewhat similar fashion and neither of them can be relied upon when playing this particular shot.

"B" Class Cup Final

The Final of the "B" Class Cup between B. E. Caulton and A. S. Adamson was played over 36 holes at Hungjao on Sunday and resulted in a win for Caulton by 2 up and one to play. Adamson, on the strength of his big wins in previous rounds, started off favourite but Caulton a very keen and improving player, was determined to give of his best and his play throughout the day was well above his usual form.

It was a difficult day for low scoring and a high win made work on the greens far from easy but, in the 37 holes played, Caulton only three-putted once and that was when he had to play round a stymie. As Walter Hagen says, "It's a short game that counts," and any one who has to play against a man who never takes more than two putts and occasionally only requires one putt, has a tough proposition to deal with as Adamson found.

There was little wrong with Adamson's golf, the main trouble being that his putts were just failing to drop. At the end of the first 19 holes, Caulton was one up and playing well he increased his lead to 5 up at the 10 h. From then until the 16th, Adamson took charge of the game and reduced Caulton's lead to 1 hole. At the 17th hole, however, Adamson found lots of trouble and Caulton won the hole easily and the match by 2 and 1.

In playing the last nine holes in 43 shots with an 8 at the 17th, Adamson, considering the difficult weather, put up a remarkably fine performance. There is nothing more disconcerting than to see a big lead melting away and Caulton no doubt heaved a sigh of relief when the 17 h hole put a stop to any ideas Adamson may have had about winning the match.

Popular Wedding in Tokyo

In Tokyo, where baseball is a major sport followed by thousands of enthusiasts, the marriage of a leading player ranks with that of a film star in Hollywood. Hence of wide interest was the marriage in the Japanese capital on December 6 of Mr. Y. Murase, captain of Waseda University's baseball team, and Miss Masuyo Yoshino.

Packers Trounce New York Team

New York, Dec. 11.

Before a crowd of 32,000 spectators, the Green Bay Packers trounced the New York team by 27-0 yesterday, winning the National Professional Football League Championship.

The weather was cold and windy and the Packers, favourites by 8-5, led by a score of 7-0 at half-time. They then unleashed a devastating running and aerial attack, ending the game by the overwhelming score of 27-0.—Reuter.

Seaforths Maintain Rugby Lead

Hard-pressed by American Marines, Who Lost to Them

The rugby season in Shanghai is well under way and team strengths are now a known factor when the follower of the handling code reviews forthcoming fixtures. The Seaforth Highlanders, a strong, rugged and hard-playing fifteen, so far, remain undefeated, with their closest rivals, the U.S. Marines, hard on their tails with only one defeat (this handed out to them by the Jocks). The Club are the only other team in the same class as the two service sides and a great struggle for rugby supremacy may be seen in future games between these three sides.

Records of Fifteens Listed

The following are the records of the various fifteens in Shanghai:

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Ags.
Seaforths	5	4	1	0	56	9
Marines	7	5	1	1	68	18
Club 1st	7	5	0	2	80	32
Club 2nd	3	0	1	2	11	35
Seaforth 2nd	3	2	1	0	27	9
Police	5	0	1	4	15	57
Area D.	4	0	0	4	12	90
Tung Wen	2	1	0	1	39	14
French F.	1	0	0	1	4	6
Police, Seaforth, Marine XV	1	0	1	0	0	0
British A.	1	0	0	1	0	3

(In compiling this preliminary record the title "Captain's XV" and "Vice-Captain's XV" have been entered as 1st and 2nd fifteens respectively).

Marine Engineers' Cup on Boxing Day

All-Star Chinese, Foreign Teams in Charity Match; Fifteen Week-end Games

The annual Charity Match for the Marine Engineers' Cup will take place on Boxing Day, December 26, beginning at 3 p.m., at the Canidrome between all-star foreign and Chinese teams. This announcement was made yesterday by the Shanghai Football Association. Further particulars in this respect will be announced in due course.

Five First Division matches have been scheduled to take place this week-end. The league-leading Lido XI are to tackle Clube Lusitano in one of the three games on Saturday afternoon at the Canidrome. At the Race Course on the same afternoon spectators will have the choice of two matches in which A.S.F. are to meet the Surreys and S.F.X. are to clash with the Seaforths.

Sunday Matches

Sunday sees two matches. Tung Hwa will be opposed to P.T.H. in the morning at the Canidrome while in the afternoon the Police are to play against S.R.C. on the Race Course.

Four matches in the second round of the Junior will also be played off during the week-end. Two Reserve and four Second Division encounters make up a total of fifteen games.

Week-end Fixtures

The fixtures are:—

SATURDAY

Junior Cup 2nd Round.—Maccabi *v.* Aurora, Kiaochow, 3 p.m.; R.A.M.C. *v.* Wna Lien, Aurora, 2 p.m.

1st division.—Lido *v.* Lusitano, Canidrome, 2.30 p.m.; A.S.F. *v.* Sunneys, R.G. 2; Seaforths *v.* S.F.X., R.G. 1.

Reserve division.—A.S.F. *v.* S.R.C., R.G. 5.

2nd division.—French Forces *v.* Row. Club, S.R.C.; Area Details *v.* Parks, Kiaochow, 1.20 p.m.

SUNDAY

Junior Cup 2nd Round.—Hotspurs *v.* Oarsmen, R.G. 5, 2.30 p.m.; Russ. Club *v.* 3 Cults, Kiaochow, 3 p.m.

1st division.—Tung Hwa *v.* P.T.H., Canidrome, 10.30 a.m.; S.M.P. *v.* S.R.C., R.G. 2.

Reserve division.—P.T.H. *v.* Surreys, S.R.C.

2nd division.—Russ. Regt. *v.* Ching Hwa, Kiaochow, 1.20 p.m.; Sokol *v.* J.A.C., R.G. 1.

Hostak Risks Title Against Seelig

Cleveland, Dec. 11.

Al Hostak, recognized as the world champion by the National Boxing Association but not by the New York Boxing Commission, which hands such recognition to Ceferino Garcia, is to defend his title tonight in a 15-round bout against the German-Jewish fighter, Eric Seelig. The German is a brother of Heinrich Seelig, well-known to Shanghai fight fans as the manager of the late Andre Shelaeff, Oriental welterweight champion.

Henry Armstrong is to defend his welterweight title tonight against Jimmy Garrison.—United Press.

Shanghai Golf Club Championship

Dwyer Beats MacDonald at Seekingjao, by 4 and 2

Playing in a cold wind Dwyer won the Shanghai Golf Club Championship over the Seekingjao Course on Sunday by 4 and 2. It was a close match and went to 34th green. In the morning MacDonald was 2 up at the 9th. Dwyer was fortunate at the 2nd where he laid a stymie and in attempting to negotiate it MacDonald holed his opponents ball.

MacDonald had lost his advantage at the 16th where the match was all square and the position was unchanged at the end of the morning round.

In the afternoon Dwyer got off to a good start winning the first three holes and he turned 2 up. At the 10th MacDonald was laid a stymie and the hole was halved as were the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th.

MacDonald met his downfall at the 33rd hole where his tee shot lodged in the frame-work of the wooden bridge over the water. This cost him the hole—he lost the 34th and the match.

In the "B" Class final Jourdin had no difficulty in defeating O. F. Brooks. The latter never settled down and lost by the wide margin of 11 up and ten to play.

December Monthly Cup

The results of the December monthly cup played at Seekingjao, follow:—

"A" CLASS

B. J. Wall	84	9	75
W. H. C. Huggett	82	3	79
L. Sapiere	89	8	81

15 cards were taken out and 12 cards were not returned.

R. A. Jones	96	24	72

"B" CLASS

L. R. Schinazi	118	24	94

13 cards were taken out and 11 cards were not returned.

Conn to Meet Louis

New Orleans, Dec. 11.

Billy Conn, youthful world light-heavyweight, is to meet Joe Louis, world heavyweight titleholder, for the title in July, either in New York or Pittsburgh, Conn's manager announced yesterday.—United Press.

Tennessee to Meet U.S.C. in Rose Bowl

Undefeated Elevens Ready For Big Game on New Year In Pasadena

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.

It's Southern California against Tennessee in the Rose Bowl on New Year Day. Tennessee, untied and unscored upon all year, has notified the Pacific Coast Conference Committee that it accepts the invitation to the Pasadena classic. Southern California, undefeated champion of the Far East, was nominated Saturday night to represent the coast.

The selection followed Saturday's games, in which Tennessee removed their last obstruction to the Rose Bowl bid by defeating Auburn, 7-0.

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Southern California managed to preserve its clean slate by holding the inspired U.C.L.A. to a scoreless tie.

Tennessee will be top-heavy favourites to cop the Rose Crown, not only because of their fancy record, but also because the Pacific Coast representatives have shown signs of weariness in the stretch. Southern California barely pulled the game out of the fire 10 days ago from Washington, whom the Trojans beat, 9-7, and they were everything but impressive on Saturday against their intracity rivals, U.C.L.A., who held them to a scoreless tie.

Undisputed Coast Champion

But Southern California is the undisputed coast champion, nevertheless, and though they were tied twice, by Oregon and U.C.L.A., the Trojans count among their victims this season such nationally famous teams as Notre Dame, Illinois and the whole Pacific Conference membership.

Coach Howard Jones on many occassions had made his Southern Californians scale great heights when national honours were at stake.—United Press.

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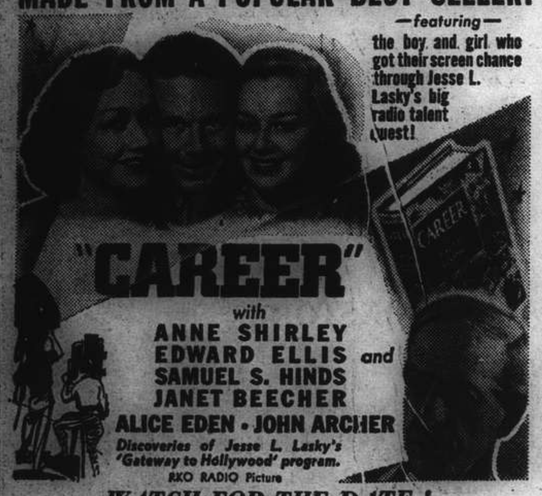

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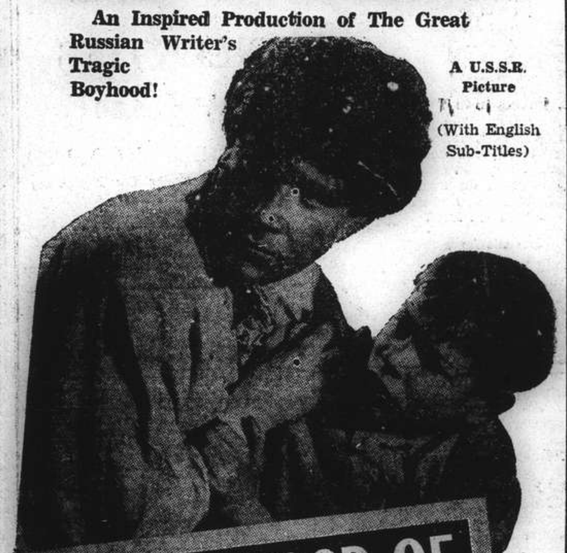

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New Roxy Theatre Opening Tonight

Today there is a notable addition to Shanghai's premier movie houses, namely, the new Roxy Theatre, located to the west of, and adjacent to, the U.S. Fourth Marines' Club. The Far Eastern Theatres, Fed. Inc., U.S.A., the new theatre syndicate which operates the Roxy, promises to give Shanghai a few more theatres in the near future.

It can be safely claimed that this new first-run cinema has one of the most convenient sites of all theatres now operating in Shanghai. In the heart of the International Settlement, the Roxy stands on the foundations of the Embassy Theatre, well-known to Shanghailanders as the premier movie-house in its day.

Although the work in building the new theatre was mainly one of reconstruction, there is little left of what used to be the Embassy Theatre. Aside from the wall foundations and part of the exterior walls, the theatre has been built entirely anew. Decorative effect and comfort have been the themes of the building's architects. To achieve the former, the architects adhered to simplicity and grandeur instead of indulging in detailed finesse. The choice of materials was made with special care to ensure distinction. The colour scheme throughout is one of warmth and harmony, and interior lighting is entirely of the indirect system. Hanging features are altogether eliminated.

On the exterior façade the design is carried out with beauty of mass and proportion, all superficial decorations omitted, and the façade in itself is a frank expression of the planning of the interior.

The main canopy and the main entrance doors are all finished in aluminium, giving the front façade a central point of attraction. Another entrance is provided on Burkill Road to allow entrance for those who park their cars on that thoroughfare.

Capacity of 1,200

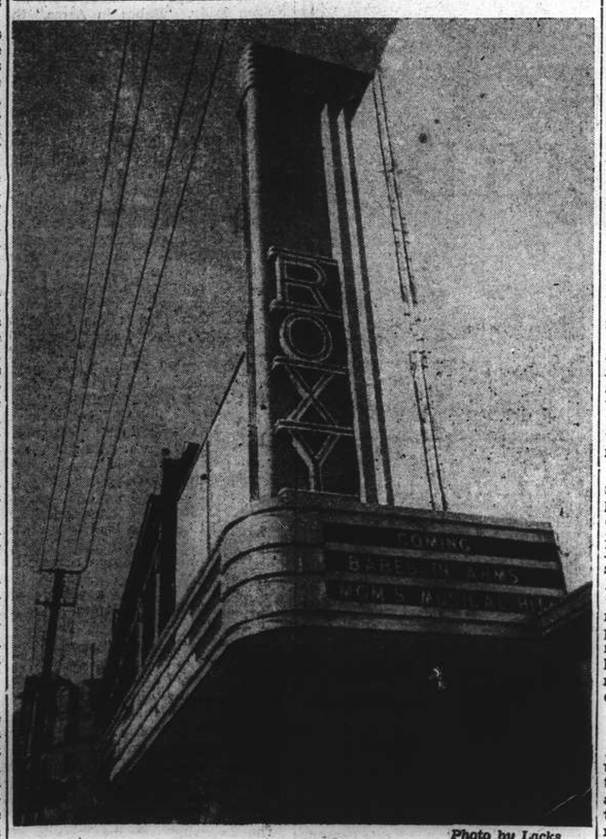
In spite of the fact that the size of the auditorium and balcony is ample for 1,500 seats the management has limited the capacity to only 1,200, allowing plenty of knee-space and elbow room for the audience. Auditorium front stall patrons will have the use of a beautifully-decorated foyer, while the main entrances lead to a spacious lobby tastefully furnished and decorated. These are to have masonite-finished walls all the way up to the ceiling, with transverse aluminium strips.

A monumental staircase leads from the ground floor lobby to the promenade above, which is also very spacious. An interesting feature, the first of its kind to be introduced in Shanghai theatres, is wall-cove lighting in the auditorium. Auditorium walls are finished with Accousticelotex, supplied by Messrs. Fagan & Co. to ensure maximum clarity of sound production. All lavatories are provided with ante-rooms which, in the case of ladies' rooms, act as rest rooms and beauty parlours.

The theatre-going public may well look forward to another period of first-class entertainment in super-productions of the world's motion-picture industry.

The architects for the building are the Allied Architects, Shanghai, who are experienced theatre designers. Their latest theatre, aside from the Roxy, is one in Kunming, with a capacity of 1,500, and containing all the latest equipment and features. The partners of this firm are Messrs. Shen Chao, B. Chih Chen and Chuin Tung, all Masters of Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Shen Chao was formerly designer for York & Sawyer, architects in New York. The consulting architect for this assignment is Mr. C. H. Gonda, B.A., who needs no introduction to the Shanghai theatre-goer. Besides being an architect of note, Mr. Gonda is also quite a painter on canvas. Mr. Y. F. Wong, a graduate of the M. I. T. and an experienced engineer for some 15 years, both in Tientsin and in Shanghai, is the Consulting Engineer.

The general contractor is the Chong Hsing Company, electric wiring contractors being the Siemens China Co. Plumbing work was carried out by the Asia Union Engineering Corporation, while the air-conditioning system was designed and executed by the American Engineering Corporation, well-known in Shanghai for this particular type of work. Chairs in the theatre were supplied by Tai Chong & Co.



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Roxy Theatre Opens Today

The beautiful new Roxy Theatre, erected on the site of the former Embassy Theatre, will throw open its doors to the Shanghai public tonight with the screening of "Babes in Arms." Seating 1,200 persons, it is modern in every respect.

R.C.A. Equipment

Good showmanship demands that there be no compromise with the quality or the intensity of the projeced light and the projected screen light, and it is also important that movie eye-strain be avoided. Some theatres are guilty of either projection lamps whose light output is too low to light adequately the screen, or a screen that is too big for the lamp in which the reflection factor is too low or does not reflect the projected light in equal intensity to all parts of the screen.

The new Roxy Theatre, equipped with the R.C.A. Photophone Sound Reproducing System, is in possession of features which will eliminate all the faults of some theatres.

The Suprex white diffusive screen, for instance, supplied by the Victor Talking Machine Company of China, Ltd., reflects the projected light in equal intensity to all parts of the theatre. For the colour pictures which are coming more and more often to the screen these days, the screen must be "colour sensitive" or there will be a big loss in brilliancy and the colours will not be truly rendered.

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Remarkable Transformation

Sound in motion pictures has undergone a remarkable transformation in the few short years since its awkward, lisping beginning, until today, sound plays an all-important role in providing that authentic quality which has made it possible for motion pictures to achieve a remarkable realism.

It was the desire of the Roxy Theatre management to provide its patrons with the finest in entertainment which prompted the management to acquire the most modern equipment available, a system which would be equal to the most exacting requirements of the new standards in sound production. After making a thorough study of the various types of equipment on the market, the management unhesitatingly chose R.C.A. Photophone's new Magic Voice of the Screen.

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Garbo in "Ninotchka"

Garbo sings, Garbo dances and Garbo laughs in her first picture in two years and her first venture into sophisticated modern romantic comedy. The picture is "Ninotchka," in which the Swedish star comes soon to the Roxy Theatre.

Teamed with Melvyn Douglas, who also played opposite her in "As You Desire Me," Garbo was directed by Ernst Lubitsch. Many whimsical "Lubitsch touches" enliven the story.

As the story the harvest is threatened. Once again a committee of three from the Soviet Board of Trade arrives in Paris to sell jewels and buy tractors. This time they are the jewels of the Grand Duchess Swana (Ina Claire), head of the White Russians in exile. A fellow exile, waiter, patriotically informs Swana of the plans of the Committee lodged in the Royal Suite of the Hotel Clarence. Swana sends Leon (Melvyn Douglas), her resourceful, aristocratic French boy friend, with an injunction to stop the sale.

He manages to throw the whole question of the ownership of the jewels into the courts, but he also manages to show the Committee such a good time that its three members cease to care when, if ever, they return to Russia. They are roughly to their senses by the arrival, from Moscow, of Comrade Ninotchka (Greta Garbo).

She permits no nonsense to divert her from her duty to the Soviet. She engages counsel and prepares to fight the case out. Under romantic circumstances she meets Leon, who, unaware of her identity, falls in love with her at once. Though she too feels for him what she calls a common biological reaction, once she finds out who he is she refuses to see him again.

The Committee, anxious to remain in Paris because they have a conviction that Russia will be very uncomfortable when they get back, beseech Leon to get to Ninotchka somehow and deflect her from her stubborn, righteous course.

Interest in Jewels Lost

By a trick he gets her to lunch with him and teaches her to laugh. So begins a change in Ninotchka. She loses interest in the case of the Grand Duchess' jewels; she buys herself Parisian clothes; she permits Leon to make love to her; she accompanies him to a night club.

There she has a verbal passage at arms with Swana and not only defeats her but convinces that lady that she has all but lost her Leon. Unfortunately for Ninotchka, she and Leon arrive back at the Royal Suite in a very befuddled state.

Thinking they are dialing the radio, they open the safe by mistake, and while Ninotchka is sleeping off her first jag, the patriotic waiter gets the jewels and returns them to the Grand Duchess. Next morning, Swana calls on Ninotchka with a very sporting proposition. She will sign over all her rights to the jewels, thus making further legal battles unnecessary. Ninotchka can conclude their sale that day but she must leave on the afternoon plane for Moscow.

While they are talking, Leon calls up to remind Ninotchka that they are dining together, and though he does not realize it her affectionate, simulated banter is her farewell to him and their love. She has no choice but to lose him to Swana for the sake of her mission. Swana finds, however, that she has lost more than her jewels. She cannot get Leon back. All she can do is to smear his chances of getting a passport to Rusisa.

Demoted Party Member

Back in Moscow, Ninotchka, after saving the skins of the three Committee members, tries to be a loyal if demoted party member. Memories of freedom, of luxury, of privacy and Leon's love continue to haunt her. The one letter she is permitted to receive from him is so censored that she gets nothing out of it but the signature.

Then, on the strength of their Paris mission, the three Committee members are sent to Constantinople to sell furs. They fall down on the job, and despite her protests Ninotchka is dispatched to straighten them out. What does she find when the three scoundrels meet her at the Golden Horn

They mean never to return to Russia. They have opened a Russian restaurant. And there, instigator of their rebellion, stands Leon, waiting to take Ninotchka in his arms.

If she refuses to stay with him always he threatens to alienate every mission the Soviet sends out, if he has to overstock the world with Russian restaurants. In the face of this menace to her Government Ninotchka gives in and promises to stay.

Ina Claire, who plays Garbo's love rival in "Ninotchka," set a new high in assorted costume. Her lounging costume in the picture includes a long pink plush furtrimmed coat, pink silk Russian blouse, pearl gray slacks, sandals, large costume necklace, surmounted by an elaborate Sidney Guilaroff hair-do.

Greta Garbo's singing voice is heard for the first time in "Ninotchka," in which the Swedish star essays her first comedy role. An amusing sequence of the new picture has Garbo singing "Marie," a Parisian song.

"Broadway Serenade"

Taking its place at the top of this season's musicals, "Broadway Serenade" hasn't missed a trick in including all the etlements of top flight entertainment. Not in recent months has Jeanette MacDonald had the vocal or dramatic opportunities that this new production affords her.

Rich in elaborate stage numbers, tempered with a good down-to-earth story revolving about a girl who climbs from singing in cheap night clubs to musical comedy stardom, "Broadway Serenade" combines every conceivable angle of entertainment. The songs, sung by the star, range in type from hits of the Gay Nineties, through grand opera selections and on to the top tunes of today.

In his role of Miss MacDonald's composer-pianist husband, Lew Ayres, demonstrates why he has been able to leap to near stardom in a few short months. His performance is real, sincere, and tempered with a sympathetic reserve which makes his teaming with the star one of the most happiest combinations of to date.

Comedy is split three ways between Frank Morgan, as a Broadway producer, Virginia Grey and Rita Johnson, chorus girls who vie for his attentions. An interesting third point to the romantic triangle is provided by Ian Hunter, and Al Sheat, as the old Bavarian cellist who befriends Ayres, gives an excellent character portrayal.

Once again cast in the role of a theatrical producer, Frank Morgan finds himself very much at home in the new Jeanette MacDonald musical, "Broadway Serenade." Morgan has headed the supporting cast of such other MacDonald successes as "Naughty Marietta," and "Sweethearts."

"Broadway Serenade"

Jeanette MacDonald is supported in this MGM musicale by Lew Ayres, Ian Hunter and Frank Morgan—coming to the Roxy.

Pink Cherry Blossoms

Forty-thousand pink cherry blossoms, two hundred white silk lanterns, a high, circular oriental bridge, are features of a setting against which Jeanette MacDonald sings one of her loveliest operatic arias in her new picture, "Broadway Serenade."

Twenty-five women worked five weeks to complete the silk blossoms which, when festooned in a wide band, covered more than 200 feet of the stage. Fifteen more worked a similar period of time to cover giant lanterns with sheer fabric upon which colorful emblems were hand embroidered.

As pale chiffon curtains ripple skyward unveiling the stage for this number, a wide expanse of deep blue sky is visible. Against this stands the bridge, a delicate filigree of white rising fifteen feet from the stage floor. It is from under this bridge that the band of pink cherry blossoms appear, stretching upward until they seem to disappear in the sky.

The many spotlights trained on the set finally settle upon a figure at the peak of the bridge. It is Jeanette MacDonald, dressed in a kimono of silver beads. Her sleek black coiffure, done in high, Japanese fashion, is pierced with pins from which dangle jewelled fans.

Modern Simplicity

The modern simplicity of this unusual setting, designed by Art Director Cedric Gibbons, is mirrored in the clusters of girls arranged in interesting groupings about the stage. Their kimonos, similar to the one worn by Miss MacDonald, are white with colored embroideries. On their heads, however, are Oriental coiffures done in pure white and lacquered to give an eerie brilliance to the picture as a whole.

This is only one of two outstanding operatic scenes used in the new musical. In addition to the arias, the star sings several popular selections. Appearing with Miss MacDonald in the film, produced by Robert Z. Leonard, are such favourites as Lew Ayres, Ian Hunter, Frank Morgan, Al Shean, Virginia Grey, Rita Johnson, William Gargan and Franklin Pangborn.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer 1939-1940 Films

Outstanding international literary and dramatic successes dominate the imposing line-up of stories and properties from which Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's 1939-1940 schedule will be drawn. Among them are the new Pulitzer prize novel, "The Yearling," by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings; "Northwest Passage" by Kenneth Roberts which will star Spencer Tracy and Robber Young, and "Madame Curie," the biography of her mother by Eve Curie in which Greta Garbo will play the title rôle.

Clare Boothe's stage hit, "The Women," reaches the screen as a starring picture for Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford and Rosalind Russell. Eugene Heltai's play, "Silent Knight," will co-star Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. "Babes in Arms," the Rogers and Hart Broadway musical smash success, has a cast headed by Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland, June Preisser, Betty Jaynes and Douglas McPhail.

Myron Brinig's novel, "May Flavin," is another of the literary properties. "Sea of Grass," the novel by Conrad Richter, is awaiting the availability of Spencer Tracy and Myrna Loy. "Kim" and "Soldiers Three," both by Rudyard Kipling, are on the roster. "Quo Vadis," Sienkiewicz novel, is planned as a multi-starred production on the scale of "Ben Hur." Joan Crawford will be starred in Max Marcin's melodrama. "House of Glass," while another vehicle planned for Miss Crawford is the Clements Ripley story, "A Lady Comes to Town."

The celebrated Clyde Fitch work, "Beau Brummel," is planned as a Robert Donat film. "Smilin' Thru," the immortal class, will be made in a musical version to star Jeanette MacDonald. William Powell and Myrna Loy will star in Octavus Roy Cohen's "Love You Again."

Greer Garson, who made such a sensational hit in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," will have the lead in the film version of Rachel Crothers' "Susan and God." The European success by Nicolaus Lezlo, "Sop Around the Corner," will serve as a vehicle for Margaret Sullavan, James Stewart and Frank Morgan.

"Balalaika"

Nelson Eddy and Ilona Massey are co-starred in "Balalaika," the Eric Maschwitz musical hit. Desmond Holdrige's novel, "Witch in the Wilderness," will be a starring film for Spencer Tracy. "Lover Come Back to Me," based on Sigmund Romberg's operetta, "New Moon," will co-star Jeanette MacDonald and Neslon Eddy. Robert Montgomery will star in "Busman's Honeymoon," the Dorothy Sayers book, which will be produced in England. "Pride and Prejudice," the Helen Jerome play based on Jane Austen's novel, will star Norma Shearer; Jules Verne's world-renowned story, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," is planned as a technicolour production.

"Journey's End," by R. C. Sherriff, is to be a starring picture for Robert Donat, who will also be the star of Nevil Shute's novel, "Kindling," to be released as "The Ruined City." "The Rosary," play by Edward E. Rose, and "Great Laughter," Fannie Hurst's celebrated novel, are also on the roster.

"Thunder Afloat," based on an original screen story by Cr. Harvey Haislip and Ralph Wheelwright, stars Wallace Berry. The cast includes Chester Morris and Virginia Grey.

One of the most eagerly awaited pictures today is Greta Garbo's new starring vehicle, "Ninotschka," a story of a Russian girl's adventures in Paris. Ernst Lubitsch is the director and the picture was planned for 12 months before it actually went before the cameras. Melvyn Douglas has the principal male rôle, and Ina Claire, Broadway stage star, figures prominently in the cast.

"Another Thin Man"

"Another Thin Man" continues the great vein of popular Nick Charles detective stories launched two years ago with the first "Thin Man" picture and followed by "After the Thin Man." William Powell and Myrna Loy again have the leading rôles with W. S. Van Dyke at the directional helm. Another tradition is carried on with the presentation of more Judge Hardy stories, continuing with the high standards which have established this series Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone, Cecilia Parker, Fay Golden and the other players who have become so popular in the other seven releases will be back again.

The Marx Brothers will return with another farcical roustabout offering, "Marx Brothers in the Circus." The comedians will be supported by Kenny Bager, Florence Rice and Nat Pendleton.

With the elevation to stardom of James Stewart, and the signing to contracts of Eddie Cantor and Fred Astaire, Metro-Goldwyn's star roster for the 1939-1940 season reaches a total of 24. In addition, Edward G. Robinson will make one starring appearance for the company in "Blackmail." The M.G.M star list includes Fred Astaire, Lionel Barrymore, Wallace Beery, Eddie Cantor, Joan Crawford, Robert Donat, Nelson Eddy, Clark Gable, Greta Garbo, Judy Garland, Hedy Lamarr, Myrna Loy, Marx Brothers, Jeanette MacDonald, Robert Montgomery, Eleanor Powell, William Powell, Mickey Rooney, Rosalind Russell, Norma Shearer, James Stewart, Margaret Sullavan, Robert Taylor, and Spencer Tracy.

"Goodbye, Mr. Chips"

Every now and then a new book comes flashing like a meteor across the literary horizon to grip millions with its sheer beauty. Such a book was James Hilton's "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," with its drama, romance and haunting charm. And now "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" comes to the screen as one of the most important productions of the year.

Filmed in England by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, it brings to you Robert Donat, whose hit in "The Citadel" is a bright spot in screen history, a glamorous new feminine lead in Greer Garson, London actress recently signed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and a cast including 2,000 British schoolboys.

"Goodbye, Mr. Chips" tells a story of ideals, romance, tragedy and deep understanding. Donat plays Mr. Chips, who starts as a young man teaching in a great English school for boys, and passes his life at the work. He becomes the inspiration of boys who grow to manhood and in turn send their sons to him. He shapes the destinies of great men of the future. He meets and marries a beautiful girl. She dies and, from the tragedy, a deep human understanding is born in his heart.

Thrills of the World War ensue. The teacher, now grown old, becomes the very spirit of popular education.

"Goodbye, Mr. Chips" brings to the screen Greer Garson, beautiful English actress, who plays the romance sequences with Donat with compelling charm. Donat plays ages ranging from youth to nearly 90 so convincingly that each fairly lives. Little Terry Kilburn, appealing child actor who scored in "Lord Jeff" plays successive generations of boys, each growing up and sending his son to the wise teacher. The youngster is forcefully convincing.

Dramatic highlights include the rescue of the heroine in the Tyrolean Alps, a great ball in Vienna, a sensational air-raid during the World War, football and cricket at famous old English schools, intermingled with gripping human interest sequences.

Together with 2,000 boys who appear in the school sequences, the cast includes a distinguished group of English players, among them John Mills, Paul von Hernried, Judith Furse, Lyn Harding, Milton Rosmer, Frederick Liester, Louise Hampton, Austin Trevor, David Tree and Scott Sunderland.

On a par with the fine acting in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" is the sensitive and brilliant direction of Sam Wood who has blended together the various phases of the story with a fine perception and skilful knowledge of camera dramatics.

"Goodbye, Mr. Chips"

This British production, starring Robert Donat, is being distributed in America and Shanghai (at the new Roxy soon) by MGM. Greer Garson is rated as the screen find of the year.

LUBITSCH DISCUSSES BEAUTY

Beauty in motion picture stars is a matter of time and changing tastes. Fashions in feminine pulchritude change as rapidly as styles in millinery. So declares Ernst Lubitsch, who has directed world-famous screen beauties from Pola Negri to Garbo.

"Lillian Russell, considered the greatest beauty of her day, would quite likely fail to interest screen audiences of 1939," points out the Continental director. "On the other hand, a woman considered extremely beautiful today probably wouldn't have interested those who adored Miss Russell, Anna Held, or other glamour stars of that period."

Lubitsch, directed Garbo in "Ninotchka," a task he has longed to do for a number of years, says that he has never directed a star he did not consider beautiful at the time he directed her. "When I directed early pictures," he says, "I had reigning Hollywood beauties of the day. Even if they were available today, their types generally probably would not attract now as it did most powerfully then."

The teaming of the celebrated Continental director with Garbo marks a new milestone in the career of both. For Garbo, it means her first excursion into the field of sophisticated romantic comedy. Scenes with the whimsical "Lubitsch touch," rapier-sharp humour in lines and situations, and an ultra-modern character, are all Garbo's in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's story of a stern feminine Soviet Commissar.

MELVYN DOUGLAS CO-STARRED

Melvyn Douglas recently joined the very small group of Hollywood actors ever to play more than one role opposite Garbo, when he went into the male lead in "Ninotchka," the film which will come soon to the Roxy Theatre. Douglas also appeared opposite the star in "As You Desire Me."

Only three others have played more than one lead opposite the M-G-M star. Nils Asther was her lover in "Wild Orchids" and "The Single Standard." Conrad Nagel was her lead in "The Kiss" and "Mysterious Lady." The late John Gilbert played in four pictures with her; "Flesh and the Devil," "Love," "A Woman of Affairs" and "Queen Christina."

"Ninotchka" is a sophisticated continental drama presenting Garbo in a type of role she has never essayed before. Ernst Lubitsch is directing, Sidney Franklin producing. The locale is Paris, Moscow and Constantinople. Ina Claire, Felix Bressart, Sig Rumann, Alex Grenach, Gregory Gaye, Rolfe Sedan, are among the principal players.

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"The Wizard of Oz" To Be Screened Soon

Hailed by critics throughout the United States as another landmark in film history of the "Snow White" class, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's spectacular technicolour hit, "The Wizard of Oz" is based on L. Frank Baum's classic of the same name. The film will be shown shortly in the new Roxy Theatre which opens to the public on Tuesday.

The film was produced by Mervyn LeRoy and directed by Victor Fleming, with a cast that includes Judy Garland as Dorothy, Bert Lahr as the Cowardly Lion, Frank Morgan as Professor Marvel, Ray Bolger as the Scarecrow, Jack Haley as the Tin Woodman and Billie Burke as Glinda.

Some of the most unusual technical effects ever to be seen in a Hollywood production were devised for "The Wizard of Oz." Many of them required months of preparation and experimentation. The colour work, representing a new phase in the use of polychromatic effect, has been rated the most ambitious venture of its kind to be attempted at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. Practically every available professional midget in America was rounded up by MGM for the Munchkinland sequences in this film. Weeks of experiment preceded the selection of make-up for the 200 midgets who play real-life phototypes of "Snow White's" famous septet.

The face of Jack Haley as the Tin Woodman was "metalized" when it was first waxed and then dusted with a face powder made of finely-pulverized silver. The make-up of Bert Lahr, as the Cowardly Lion, utilized the comedian's own slightly visible features, with the addition of ears, mane, lion's face and whiskers. Ray Bolger's make-up as the Scarecrow was another clever piece of craftsmanship.

Dozens of technical problems faced Producer Mervyn LeRoy and his studio crew. They had to create a replica of a Kansas cyclone and calculate the noise that would be heard inside it; they had to get together flying monkeys with attachable, non-observable motors; they had to find ways to change witches into brooms, make carpets fly in the air, make trees move their limbs like arms.

The first estimate of six months for research and production stretched out to 12 months, 18 months and then two years, but the final results in the opinion of everyone concerned justified the long labour.

Jeanette MacDonald

Jeanette, youngest of Daniel and Anna MacDonald's three talented daughters, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 18.

When she was only three years old Jeanette sang a solo at her sister's dancing school recital, and except for a brief interval when the decided to be a school teacher she devoted all of her youthful ambitions to the stage.

Late one summer, Jeanette's father took her to New York with him on a business trip. While he took care of his business affairs Jeanette went to the theatre with her sister Blossom who was dancing at the time at the Capital. Blossom introduced her to the producer who was immediately impressed with the graceful, slim, redhaired little girl. At first Jeanette's father wouldn't hear of her going on the stage. Her sister, however, finally persuaded him to permit her a two weeks' try-out in the revue.

When the two weeks were up Jeanette MacDonald gave up school and began the serious business of a stage career, and her family moved to New York so that she might have a home there.

It was by chance that an agent offered her a featured role a Greenwich Village production, "Fantastic Fricassee." It was a small part but Miss MacDonald grabbed at the chance. Zelda Sear, the playwright, and her husband, managing director for Henry W. Savage, happened to see the show and noticed Miss MacDonald. They sent for her, and a short time later she signed a contract with Savage. She appeared in her first hit part in "The Magic Ring" and rapidly advanced to stardom.

While she was singing "Angela" on Broadway, she took a screen test and was offered the leading role opposite Richard Dix in a picture. Her stage contract would not permit her to accept the offer, however, so she devoted all of her energies and ambitions to the theatre.

Later Ernst Lubitsch was looking for a leading lady for "The Love Parade." He saw Miss MacDonald's old test and sent for her. So in 1929 she said goodbye to the New York stage, and with a role opposite Maurice Chevalier and a two-year contract she came to California, where she has been ever since.

A real Koala bear is now occupying a place of honour at the home of Jeanette MacDonald. The bear, a gift from a fan in Perth, Australia, arrived at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios on the last day of shooting on Miss MacDonald's new starring picture, "Broadway Serenade." Extremely tame, the little fellow proved an ideal pet even to the point of making himself quite at home with Miss MacDonald's five dogs.

"The Wizard of Oz"

This MGM 4-star picture, which required two years to produce will be an early screening at the Roxy Theatre. Among the players are Judy Garland, Bert Lahr, Frank Morgan and Jack Haley.

Projection Apparatus

The new Roxy Theatre will be equipped by D. H. Utter & Co., with the most modern and finest booth equipment made in America. The famous Ace Motion Picture Projectors; Preddey Dual Motor High Intensity Luminarc Lamps; and Robin-Imperial Stedypower Motor Generators are the basic components of the de luxe projection equipment.

Into the latest model Ace Projectors, manufactured by Wenzel Co., of Chicago, has been incorporated many new and important features. The new double bearing intermittent movement, with hardened and accurately ground star wheel, cam and cam pin are so constructed as to give a projected picture, a steadiness heretofore unattainable. The Wenzel Rear Shutter, built-in as an integral part of the projector, is the most advanced in design. The improved demountable film gate, holding the film firmly to the aperture, is another new feature which adds to better projection. The installation of these modern up-to-date "Ace" projectors at the Roxy assures the presentation of rock-steady pictures on the screen.

The light source will be furnished by two Preddey dual motor high intensity Luminarc Lamps, manufactured by Walter G. Preddey of San Francisco. These lamps are the only lamps built with two motors and separate feed mechanisms for each carbon, thus providing independent and unfailing control at all times over the burning rate of both positive and negative carbons. Furthermore, the carbons are so held in place as to maintain floating positions. Luminarc Lamps are universally acclaimed the most efficient lamps manufactured in America. At the Roxy Theatre, perfect and uniform light will project the film objects on to the screen with life-like fidelity.

Another important part of the equipment supplied by D. H. Utter & Co. is the Robin-Imperial Stedypower motor generators, which are designed and built specially for motion picture work. They are provided with liberal over-load capacity and operate with sparkless commutation. The voltage holds constant when two arc lamps are operated during the change-over period. Thus the continuity of the screen play will not be marred by any diminution of light on the screen. Faultless screen illumination will always be a feature at the new Roxy Theatre.

Couldn't Be Filmed

The scene Hollywood said could never be filmed has finally found its way to the screen. It is a room composed almost entirely of mirrors and containing furniture also constructed of reflecting glass.

Representing an extreme and completely ultra apartment supposedly occupied by musical comedy star Jeanette MacDonald for a scene of her new picture, "Broadway Serenade," opening soon at the Roxy Theatre, the set did offer a few difficulties for cameraman Ollie Marsh, and a crew of electricians whose job it was to keep the hundreds of lights overhead from bouncing off the various surfaces and into the camera lenses.

The first day the company reported for work on the set, Marsh set up his cameras and shooting began. There wasn't a moment's hesitation. No lights "kicked" back, no tell-tale reflections appeared in the numerous panels skirting the room. How it could be "right the first time" was a mystery to everyone. Then Marsh explained.

For days he had been studying a model of the set equipped with real mirrors. At night he manœuvered a small camera and miniature lights about the model until he discovered the exact locations for everyone. But Marsh hadn't counted on a mirrored piano. This instrument, constructed specially for the scene, gave the "scene that couldn't be shot," some credulence.

It wasn't so much the piano itself as it was the panelled glass sides which caught lights from every direction. The individual squares of glass panelling the sides acted as unit reflectors. The brilliance of this one object proved so great that it was impossible to backlight characters appearing in the scene.

A piano "stand-in" was finally called upon to solve the problem. A glamorous instrument was pushed in place by prop men until personalities could be properly lit. Approximate spots at which the lights would fall and be "kicked back" were marked upon this instrument.

When it was time for the take the mirrored piano was wheeled into position and every spot viewed by the camera lens completely swathed in black canvas to absorb additional light.

The set, designed by Merrill Pye and Joe Wright, is one of the most elaborate ever to grace the screen. Pearl grey walls are broken by clear and black mirrored panels, with upholstery carried out in tones of old-rose satin caught with mirrred buttons.

Before the "Ninotchka" sound stage, keeping would-be crashers from the set on which Garbo was working, Claude Clement, studio policeman, stood guard. Clement was a member of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police for six years, serving in Vancouver, Alberta and other provinces and figuring in several man-hunts in which, as all good Mounties do, he got his man.

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"It's A Wonderful World"

No happier combination of stellar players has been achieved in recent months than that of Claudette Colbert and James Stewart who are currently to be seen together in "It's a Wonderful World." Not since she romped away with the Academy Award honours as the heroine of "If Happened One Night" has Claudette Colbert been seen in a role so perfectly matched to her talents for spirited and yet utterly harebrained comedy.

And certainly the picture is a happy adventure for James Stewart who steps so briskly and delightfully from the arms of Carole Lombard in "Made for Each Other" to the charms of Claudette Colbert.

With amusing situations tumbling over one another, and sprightly dialogue rattling off the laughs at almost machine-gun pace, the story reveals Stewart in the role of Guy Johnson, private detective, hired to keep an irresponsible, oftmarried millionaire Broadway playboy out of trouble. When the millionaire is accused of murder, Stewart becomes involved. He escapes to seek a solution of the murder and is caught in the act by Miss Colbert who plays Edwina Corday, a poetess.

Here is where rhyme and reason become hopelessly and hilariously mixed as the pair proceed precariously to track down the real murderer. They become involved in a series of daring exploits and clever deductions, with Miss Colbert in her most scatterbrained and delightful strain and Stewart turning on one of his most engaging comedy pearformances as the much-tried and hard-tested amateur sleuth to whom the poetess, with her unaccountable vagaries and unpredictable whims, is an even greater feminine mystery than the murder both are trying to solve.

The tale sweeps with unremitting energy from elaborate night club scenes to an apple orchard, from trains to yachts, from theatre to hot-dog stand, from auto camp to railroad trestle, motorbats and even Sing Sing prison, with hair-breadth escapes and spine-tickling murders to garnish the ever delightful bill of dramatic fare.

Prominent cast in supporting roles are Guy Kibbee, Nat Pendleton, Frances Drake, Edgar Kennedy and Ernest Truey.

Air-conditioning

One of the outstanding features of the Roxy Theatre's air-conditioning system is that an arrangement has been made whereby the theatre receives a complete change of air within a few minutes after each show. This special arrangement will prevent any stuffiness which usually is the condition in crowded spaces indoors.

In this air-conditioning system, installed by the American Engineering Corp. (China), specialists in air-conditioning, is incorporated a duct system fabricated from galvanized iron and Canec insulating boards. Conditioned air is supplied to the theatre through the supply ducts and is drawn back into the air-washer through the return ducts by means of a large Buffalo Forge type multivane fan which handles 30,000 cubic feet of air per minute against a static pressure of 1½ in.

The third point in a triangle involving Jeanette MacDonald and Lew Ayres is Ian Hunter, British-born leading man appearing in the new Jeanette MacDonald musical, "Broadway Serenade." Hunter was born in Cape Town, South Africa but attended school in England.

Young Orchestra

The youngest orchestra, ranging in age from four to eight years, is making its screen debut with Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Babes in Arms," opening today at the Roxy.

Organized by Karl Moldrem, who has been forming musical groups among tiny tots for 28 years, as a hobby, the Moldrem Baby Orchestra consists of sixteen child prodigies assembled in Southern California and includes some of the most potential future greats of the musical world.

Consisting entirely of string instruments, violins and 'cellos, the baby orchestra plays entirely by note and is capable of playing any piece of music intended for children of high school age. The musicians are so small that special instruments have to be made to fit their tiny hands. Most of them cannot reach the length of a full-sized violin.

In the picture, the baby orchestra accompanies Betty Jaynes and Douglas McPhail in a duet called "Where or When" from the original Broadway success of "Babes in Arms."

Judith Ayer is the five-year-old soloist of the group, and Andy Black, 6, whose screen debut was frustrated because of mumps, is a star bass player.

"It's a Wonderful World"

Claudette Colbert and James Stewart will appear in this forthcoming MGM production at the new Roxy Theatre.

"The Women"

The stage play based upon Clare Booth's story of the same name ran for 666 performances on Broadway. It opened at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre December 26, 1936, and closed July 9, 1938. In London the play opened at the Lyric Theatre on April 20, 1939, and is still running.

Heralded as one of the most unusual films ever to come out of Hollywood with the most brilliant feminine cast ever assembled, it is dedicated to the amusement of men and women alike.

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The screen cast comprises 35 principals and a total of 135 featured speaking roles in all. Not a single man appears anywhere in the picture. Every animal in the film is of feminine sex. Even photographs and art objects are all feminine. Books used in the library are all by women writers and no title is used which refers to a man. Nevertheless, "The Women" is all about men.

In the story Norma Shearer, happilly married for eight years, finds it impossible to continue life with her husband after she discovers from idle beauty-shop gossip that he has become enamoured of a perfume salesgirl, portrayed by Joan Crawford. Goaded on by Rosalind Russell, she finally goes to Reno to seek a divorce and the custody of her daughter, little Mary. Following the divorce, husband Stephen marries the "other woman,' "and broken-hearted Miss Shearer returns to New York. During the next year she discovers that all is not well in her husband's home and that his new wife is carrying on an affair with a cowboy radio crooner. Realizing that she should have fought in the first place, she decides to stage a late campaign to win him back again. Cleverly she sion of her infidelity, and the fast-tricks Joan Crawford into an admis-moving comedy-drama concludes on a happy note.

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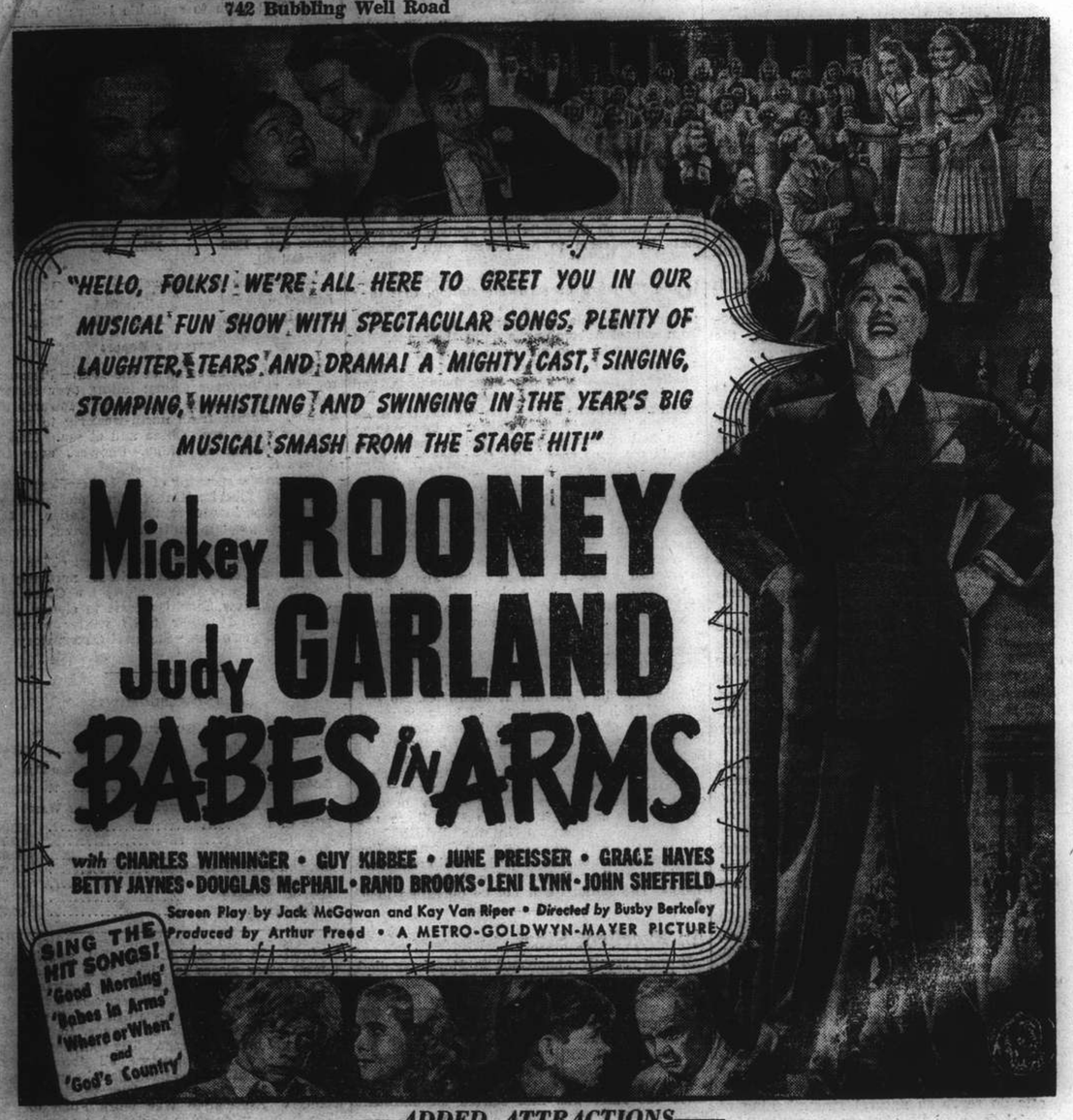

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PRATT.—On December 7, 1939, in hospital at Nagasaki, HANA, dearly beloved wife of F. L. Pratt. -9507

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THE WEEK'S SURVEY

The past week has been a comparatively uneventful one so far as the war between the Allies and Germany is concerned, and that strange inaction which has been noticed since the outbreak of hostilities has with very slight exceptions been maintained. It is unlikely that there will be any major developments on the western front until the spring, and, while Germany maintains a certain amount of activity by submarine and aeroplane, nothing has occurred from a strategic point of view which would have any particular bearing on the outcome of the struggle. Those who contend that both sides are "pulling their punches" are regarding this war in the light of the last, whereas it is becoming increasingly plain that a very different set of criteria are coming into operation. Those, who criticize the apparent inactivity of the Allied air arm, must remember that raids on German naval stations to be successful necessitate flying low enough to be reasonably sure of hitting bombing targets. To do this the element of surprise must to a very great extent be depended upon, so that if such raids occur with too great a frequency the surprise factor disappears and the raids lose much of their efficiency. That consideration operates just as effectively from the German point of view, and the fact that attempts are not made oftener than they are upon British naval stations may be attributed greatly to that fact. The German war against Allied and neutral shipping is prosecuted with considerable energy, but the results obtained so far are in no way comparable with those which the Germans secured in the last war, and the claim that the submarine menace is now well under control appears in the circumstances to be fully justified. In general the balance sheet may still be regarded as favouring the Allies, for the economic blockade is in full operation with the time factor completely in favour of the Allies in whatever aspect it is viewed.

Thus while this particular aspect of European affairs may seem uninteresting, the same cannot be said about the other struggle which is going on between Finland and Soviet Russia. It is an established fact that the Finns have offered a surprising resistance to Soviet onslaughts, and despite the overwhelming superiority in men and material which the Soviet undoubtedly possesses, all possibility of a *Blitzkrieg*,—that *ignis fatuus* which still attracts some European schools of thought,—has been transformed by Finnish resistance into less of a one-sided struggle, and the fact that Moscow deems it necessary further to reinforce its armies seeking to penetrate into Finland is ample proof of the manner in which the Finns are meeting and holding the invaders. In the south-east of the Karelian Peninsula the Russians appear to have made very little headway, possibly because of the greater endeavours being made further north to strike across the "wasp-waist" of Finland to reach the Baltic either in the neighbourhood of Uleaborg or Tornea. Even there the Finns have held their enemy and it is being borne in upon Moscow that the utilization of greater forces alone offers a chance of reducing the Finnish opposition. The Finns also still hold Petsamo, and while the port may not be of much value to them as a means of communication with the outer world, because of the Russian blockade, the fact that the Finns were able to recapture it from the Russians speaks volumes for their own bravery and endurance, while simultaneously raising doubts in the minds of many observers whether the Russian military machine after all is quite the efficient weapon which the Kremlin has confidently claimed it to be. In this connection it needs to be remembered that the opposing forces are both accustomed to the rigorous climatic conditions which they are experiencing and that the Finns thereby derive no especial advantage, and, while the lakes and forests do serve as natural strengthening of artificial defences, they in turn present nothing to which the Russian forces should not be used. It may be taken for granted, therefore, that the issue is between a highly efficient but small nation, and a much larger one whose army may prove in the ultimate result to be not quite of the high quality which has been claimed for it. That that might place the successes of the Soviet army in Nomanhan and Changkufeng, this year and last, in an entirely different light is entirely beside the point. The fact is that the Soviet is not receiving that walk-over which it confidently expected it would have.

The appeal of Finland to the League of Nations has already been described as a perfectly proper one in the circumstances, but it is doubtful in the extreme what particular benefit it will be possible to derive from it. Theoretically there should be no difficulty in securing that condemnation of Soviet Russia which its conduct undoubtedly deserves, and in principle that should be forthcoming. But the nearer some of the countries, members of the League, are to Germany and Russia, the less enthusiasm is there amongst them for resort to the final decisions of the League. To secure the passage of a resolution of condemnation or expulsion from the League it will be necessary to obtain a unanimous vote. Great Britain and France may decide to support such a resolution, but what of other nations? Many of them near or abutting on German and Russian boundaries will doubtless be inspired by the fear of taking such action which Russia may decide as unfriendly to her. They may feel with some degree of reason that they should do nothing further to aggravate relations between themselves and the Soviet, while in the case of China which has, it is reported, decided to take no hand in the matter, fear of the withdrawal of Soviet support in China's struggle with Japan has proved the dominating factor, demonstrating that even China, who has not hesitated to condemn others for following the same policy, has not hesitated to subordinate principle to expediency. She is not to be blamed for that, for the world has established too many precedents, while it has also to be remembered that the vindication of principles cannot always be achieved by the most direct methods. If the League consequently fails to take such action as Finland desires, it will not be unexpected. That does not mean that there is any lack of sympathy with her in her struggle, or that whatever help is possible will not be extended to her, though even that may be found increasingly difficult as time passes.

Rice Profiteering

The authorities of Shanghai's two foreign areas have acted not a minute too soon to check the exorbitant price tendency which rice, the staple food of Shanghai's millions, has reached or to which limit it has been manipulated. Most people wonder why something was not done earlier instead of allowing a situation to deteriorate to such an extent that only the good temper of Shanghai's Chinese population should prove the safeguard against disorder. The joint proclamation of the International Settlement and the French Concession lays down in no uncertain terms the official opinion of the causes of the present impossible prices of rice, although attempts are being made in other quarters to prove that political factors, far beyond the economic factors governing the ordinary law of supply and demand, are to blame for the unparalleled situation existing in Shanghai. If there is any criticism to be made of the joint proclamation it is that in addition to threatening stern measures against profiteers and hoarders a maximum price limit should have been set beyond which no increase would be allowed. This was done by Mayor Fu Siao-en in extra-Settlement territory and it operated for some time in direct contrast to prices in the foreign areas. In Tientsin, the French authorities have found it expedient and possible to restrict and control prices and an extension of this attitude to Shanghai should not be without point or possibility. In regard to rice, the proposal put to the Shanghai Municipal Council for the establishment of granaries in a constant state of replenishment as demand reduces stocks and the need for continual turn-over is necessary owing to the perishable nature of rice in storage, ought to be given serious consideration. The proposal, up to the present, has been advanced only in a theoretic stage, the practical aspects being left for examination, but it does suggest a method of solution which would prevent the suspicious market developments which are frequently recurring in Shanghai. The Council's previous rice transactions have not only proved of tremendous public benefit but have also produced a sizable profit.

Broadcast Breezes

The immunity of the German Freedom broadcasts, which disseminate the most violent anti-Hitler progaganda inside the confines of the Reich itself, has been a puzzle to most observers who are familiar with the many devices now in use for "spotting" broadcasting stations. This immunity may, of course, be less than is generally believed, as the German Secret Police may have rounded up various stations from time to time and have said nothing about it, in order to maintain their own prestige, since the operations of such stations even for a short period reflects badly upon the efficiency of those who are responsible for their suppression. The news comes through the mails from Britain, however, that there seem to be several such stations working in Britain. Various cities have reported that they have heard over the wavelength used by the Hamburg broadcasting station, that they are to be bombed. They have not been unduly perturbed by this information, since most of them expected bombing a long time ago. But the mystery is, who has been doing the broadcasting? The Hamburg official broadcasts have mentioned nothing about these bombings, and the broadcasts have been heard only in the localities threatened. The poblem has therefore been set for the British police to locate these illicit and obviously enemy stations inside Britain, in the same way as the Germans have been set the task of finding the anti-Nazi stations working inside their own boundaries. The importance of the business which has to be done by the British police cannot, of course, be compared with that facing the Nazis, since the warnings of coming bombings have been taken in a friendly spirit by the inhabitants of the threatened cities. Far from being alarmed by the threats, they have been thankful that they have been forewarned. Of more importance, however, is the fact that various Government movements appear to have been known in Germany almost as soon as they were secretly carried through in Britain. An instance in point is the establishment of the out-of-town offices of many of the Government ministries. No one in the British Isles was supposed to know about these new establishments, but the night they were carried out, the German broadcast in English inquired solicitously about the welfare and happiness of the personnel of the branches which had been transferred. And the addresses of the different offices were given—often correctly! This makes it obvious that there are enemy radios operating in the British Isles which are in communication with Germany. For which information the British intelligence service owes the German broadcasters many thanks. The stations will not be operating long.

An Excellent Start

It was recently announced in Hongkong that the British War Organization Fund had made its first remittance home of £10,000, and that represents a truly fine effort on the part of the inhabitants of the Colony. Against that sum the £7,000 which has been already sent home by the Central British War Fund in Shanghai compares most favourably, for with yesterday's totals of $351,350. 55 and £4,367:5:0 accumulated since the fund was first started an excellent showing has been secured. As it stands, over £11,000 has been raised locally already, while, if the Shanghai rate of exchange had been the same as that for the Hongkong dollar, the sterling value of the three-and-a-half lakhs of dollars would have been in the neighbourhood of £22,000. Comparisons are odious in such matters, but the subject is mentioned not only as emphasizing the splendid response which Shanghai Britons are making to the appeal, but also to point out that despite the low rate of exchange even the smallest sum in dollars can be an important contribution to the success of the fund. In the case of Shanghai, and indeed of most other places in China, it is a fact that every little helps in swelling the contributions which will be used in providing comforts for those gallant men who are fighting the cause of Empire in the fields of France, in the air, and on and under the seas. The totals published yesterday do not represent all the money which Shanghai Britons have already subscribed, for there are the contributions to the British Women's Association War Work Fund to be taken into consideration. Indeed the response to date has been so good that it is hoped that those who have not yet sent in their subscriptions will not hestitate to do so. Every available cent will be wanted before this struggle is brought to an end, and those who for one reason or another may not be called upon to take up arms, can see to their duty that money shall not be wanting to make more comfortable the lots of those who are. The start has been excellent, and it now remains for Shanghai Britons not only to improve it, but to show, as the months go on, that they are able to stay the pace.

IN PARENTHESIS

Smart Chap

"You know, old man," said Brown "that fellow's too smart for me. Do you know what he did?"

"No," said Green, "what?"

"Well, he sold me a plot of land that was two feet under water. I went round and demanded my money back."

"Did you get it?"

"Get, nothing! He sold me a motor-boat!"

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No Business

IT was one of those days when there was nothing doing in the branch bank in a small Irish town. The staff had got through the day somehow, with tea and talk, until it was time to close.

"Three o'clock!" said the manager briskly at last; "Run and close the front door, Murphy."

The clerk returned in a moment or two and said:

"Excuse me, sir, it's closed. We forgot to open it this morning."

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Terribly Thirsty

A VISITOR went into an inn at the seaside for an appetizer before lunch. An old sailor sidled up to him.

"Adventurous life I've had," he remarked.

"Really?" said the visitor.

"Yes," continued the sailor, "all sorts of things have happened to me. Not long ago I had an operation. After I came to, the doctor told me that he'd left a sponge inside me, but I told him to let it stay there as I didn't want another operation, and there it is to this day."

"It must be very painful," said the visitor.

"Oh, it don't hurt at all," said the sailor. "But I get terribly thirsty!"

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Wider

THE not-so-slim woman had been in the boot department for over an hour, and the patient assistant had taken down half the stock for her inspection.

"These would just suit you," he said, as a last resource, taking down yet another pair of shoes.

But still she was not satisfied.

"I don't care for those," she said. "They have a tendency to get wider with time."

"Well, madame," replied the now exasperated assistant, "didn't you?"

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British Breakfast Scene

WE have always been full of admiration for people who write to newspapers. We admire their industry and their confidence in their own opinions. But what we admire most is their eagerness to write something for nothing, says a British columnist.

This eagerness, we imagine, is the outcome of a passionate desire for self-expression present in the entire human race with the possible exception of ourself. The only reward of the letter writer is to see his work in print. As we have nothing better to do at the moment we would like to present to you a little scene at a British breakfast table:—

"Darling."

"Yes, dear."

"It's in."

"What is, dear?"

"My letter to the paper."

"Never, darling."

"Yes, darling. Look."

"But how wonderful, darling."

"The top of the column, too."

"Oh darling, it's marvellous. Your father used to write poetry, didn't he? Secretly I mean."

"That's nothing to do with this, dear."

"Oh, you must have inherited something. Have they printed every word you wrote, darling?"

"I'm not sure yet."

"Let's read it together."

"Why, dammit...."

"What, darling?"

"They've got that comma in the wrong place."

"Oh, how disgraceful, darling."

"And dammit all...."

"What's wrong, darling?"

"You remember that line of mine, 'Surely, sir, the British spirit lives today as it lived in 1914—aye and at Waterloo and Trafalgar, too'?"

"What have they done to it, darling?"

"They've cut out the 'aye.'"

"Oh, darling."

"Ignorant lot of upstarts."

"Eat your breakfast, darling. It's getting cold."

"I don't want any breakfast."

"But you must, darling."

"I tell you I don't want it."

"If Boysie-Woysie is going to be upset like this he'll have to give up writing."

"Don't be silly, darling."

"Or he'll have to send his letters to a nicer paper with a nicer editor."

"Don't be silly, darling."

"If Boysie-Woysie...."

"Don't call me Boysie-Woysie."

"But, darling, just a mouthful of coffee."

"I'm catching the next train."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 32.0	Max. 48.0
Same date, 1938	Min. 46.0	Max. 55.0

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 31.1	Max. 50.7
Same date, 1938	Min. 45.3	Max. 57.0

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 10th:—Pressures rapidly rising over China; falling over eastern Japan. The typhoon is going away towards the Bonins. Rather fresh north-westerly to north-easterly winds over China and at sea. Fine to cloudy weather in China. Showers over the Eastern Sea.

State on the morning of the 11th:—High pressures over Siberia, Korea, China and southern Japan, very low over northern Japan. The typhoon is passing south of the Bonins, moving north-eastward.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine and rather cold weather with moderate northerly to easterly winds in China, along the Coast and over the Yellow Sea. Overcast to cloudy with local rain and rather fresh winter monsoon over the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Finns Entrench Before Main Defence Lines

Russian Offensives Claimed Repulsed : Red Troops Said Very Poorly Equipped and Lack Food : Invaders Bomb Petsamo in New Drive

With Finns on Karelia Front, Dec. 11.

THE Finns appeared today to be firmly entrenched for the winter in the west sector of the Karelian front, 50 kilometres from Viipuri. They have drawn the Russians into favourable defence positions which they believe they will be able to hold without withdrawing to the Mannerheim Line. The Finns control the time element and peace for any battle in this areas as long as the Russians continue to advance.

A furious Russian offensive began in this Salmijaervi-Petsamo sector as planes bombed Petsamo at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. today, reports from Kirenaes said. Explosions were clearly audible on the Norwegian border. The sound of machine-gun and artillery fire was also heard. The weather was cold but clear in this region. A Finn refugee who gained Kirkenaes on the border reported that a small Finnish patrol routed a large detachment of Russians 20 miles from Salmijaervi, causing the Russians to leave 80 bodies behind.

Finnish troops yesterday repulsed the fourth consecutive daily Russian attack on Tailpeenjoki, 30 miles inside the Finnish frontier on the west bank of the river-like outlet of Lake Fuvanto, field dispatches reported last night. Lake Fuvanto connects with Lake Vouksi, making a continuous lake eighty miles long, passing through the Mannerheim Line as one of its major bulwarks.

The Red Army has been attempting to advance along the right bank of Lake Fuvanto but Finnish forces have turned back four heavy attacks in as many days, Finnish official reports said.

Soviet aircraft, taking advantage of clearing weather, raided the Koivisto fortifications 27 miles southeast of Viborg on Saturday and also attempted to bomb Hango. Only a few bombs were dropped in the sea at Hango and no damage was reported.

Red Fleet Bombard Aalands

The Russian Fleet on Saturday also bombarded several places on the archipelago off the Aaland Islands, Finnish reports said.

Finnish sharp-shooters and the below zero weather were responsible for 800 deaths among the Russians in the southern part of the northern Finnish front, Finnish reports from Kirkenaes said.

Russian forces were said to have advanced too fast for their supply trains and many Red soldiers were said to have perished from cold and exposure. Week-end advances were admitted to have carried the Red Army in some places as far as 30 miles inside the Finnish border. Now, however, the Russian vanguard has been cut off and is foodless at various points along the front, Finnish dispatches said.—United Press.

Soviets Claims Advance

Moscow, Dec. 11.

Russian forces continued to make gains on all fronts, advancing from five to seven kilometres in their drives, the Red Army announced in a communique today.

In the Ukhta sector the Red Army captured Juondsode, and in the Porosozero region the Soviet troops occupied the village of Jojonala. The villages of Boboshin and Kirkabuloa were taken in the Karelian Isthmus, the communique said.

In operations along four main fronts, great progress was made on the Petrozavonsk front, the Red Army claimed. The Red Army in this area, the communique said, has advanced forty miles from the border.

The drive west from Karelia is intended to split Finland, cutting two main railways. After this manœuvre, the Red Army aims at a pincer movements to the North and converge troops and machines to the south from the Petsamo-Murmansk front, where the apparent strategy has been to cut the Finns from Murmansk and block possible Swedish and Norwegian help overland.

On the eastern and western fronts of the Karelian Isthmus two Red armies are fighting along the railroads and are advancing toward the Mannerheim Line, the communique said. Their object was to outflank the Finns south-west of Lake Ladoga and north-east of the Finnish Gulf to strike at the Finns' rear.—United Press.

Effort to Split Country

Helsinki, Dec. 11.

Judging from the latest reports the Finns are continuing to hold their own at all points. Intensified Russian attacks are taking place at Suomissalmi, in the narrowest part of Finland, often known as the country's "wasp waist," evidently to drive through towards the Gulf of Bothnia and split the country in two. The Finns have taken all precautions to stem the Soviet advance in this sector. The Russians are apparently still bringing up reinforcements to the Karelian Isthmus. Most advanced Russian units are reported to be thirty miles from Viipuri. Reports that the Russians are continuing to use poison gas in this sector, are persistent.

Continued Soviet attacks in the region of the Taipale River have been repulsed, says a Finnish communique issued here today. Violent fighting is going on at several points on the eastern frontier, except the region at Petsamo on the Arctic coast. Soviet aircraft bombed several forts on the islands situated across the channel from Koivisto on the mainland. The Finnish Air Force, the communique adds, bombed marching Soviet columns and, with the assistance of field artillery, destroyed a column of tanks and armoured-cars.

A Russian communique issued in Moscow, however, claims advances between three and four miles along every war zone. Soviet troops are said to have occupied the town of Kuolojarvi, in the direction of Ukhta, and the towns of Boboshino and Kirkamuolaa in the Karelian Isthmus.—Reuter.

Soviet Bulletins Very Brief

Moscow, Dec. 10.

Uninformative bulletins from the Red Army during the past two days do not indicate much progress in the Finnish campaign, while the graphic and possibly too revealing reports of war correspondents have largely disappeared from Soviet newspapers. The Finns are stated to be laying waste to the country before retreating, removing cattle, destroying food and setting fire to villages, to complicate the Red Army's already difficult commissariat problem.—Reuter.

Big-Scale Red Drive Expected

Helsinki, Dec. 11.

A large-scale Soviet offensive across Finland from Ukhta toward Uleaborg

(Continued on page 10, col. 2)

League Assembly Begins Work

Swedish Delegate Urges Firm Action for Finns: Expulsion Move Unlikely

Geneva, Dec. 11.

The twentieth session of the League of Nations Assembly was opened at 11.30 a.m. here today by M. Carton de Wiart, the Belgian delegate and Chairman of the Assembly.

Forty states were represented, including Poland. The Czech delegation is voluntarily absent, as are those of Afghanistan, Albania, Chile, Panama, and Peru.

On the left of the rostrum, M. Sokolin, Russian Under Secretary-General of the League is attending the meeting with several more of his countrymen.

In a short address, the Chairman said the Assembly had to deal with a few questions on the agenda and Finland's appeal. It would be necessary, he added, to make the session as short as possible and to simplify its procedure.

The Assembly then appointed a Committee of Nine to effect the verification of powers, and appointed a small "Nomination Committee." After a short adjournment, the session was resumed.

The Nomination Committee proposed that a Bureau be set up, composed of one president and eight Vice-Presidents, namely the Norwegian delegate, M. C. J. Hambro, as President with the delegates of Belgium Great Britain, Canada, France, Greece, Portugal, and Switzerland as vice-presidents. The proposal was approved by the Assembly.

Dark Days for League

M. Carton de Wiart then started his address in which he said that never before had the League of Nations known more tragic and darker hours than at present when it seems that the very principles upon which the League was founded are going to ruin.

"Countries like mine, which have suffered for their independence, cannot remain indifferent to violations of law," he said. "Tomorrow, perhaps the League of Nations will rise again, more prosperous, stronger, and better adapted to the possibilities of international life. Meanwhile let us keep the fire burning and preserve the League's technical activities." The speaker expressed confident hope in human reason and faith in human dignity and freedom.

M. Hambro then declared the duty of each state was to put itself at the service of the League. The Assembly, he added, has to examine an appeal from one state against another, both of them members of the League. "This state defends itself with heroism," he said. "Let us act in such a way that a small people fighting for its independence will not be disppointed and that this session will be the starting point of the renewal of solidarity and assistance between peoples in a pacified world."

After M. Hambro's address, the meeting adjourned precisely at 12.45 p.m. The Bureau is to meet again at 4 p.m. and the Assembly half an hour later.

United Stand Desired

French delegates to the League wasted not a moment yesterday in contacting European and Chinese delegates to urge them to adopt a united stand before the Assembly. Scandinavian delegates in particular were asked to adopt a clear attitude for, it was pointed out to them, Soviet aggression against Finland is far from precluding the possibility of further aggression in northern Europe.

In all parleys, French delegates emphasized the solidarity of principles and action manifested by Germany and Soviet Russia, and stressed that the U.S.S.R.'s expulsion from the League could not alone heal the festering sore of disrespect for international law.

Contacts also took place between British and French delegates, and they gave proof once again of the Allies' complete identity of views.

It was remarked by observers that there is a prevailing current of sympathy for Finland and that the majority of delegates appear to favour energetic anti-Soviet action. Among neutrals, however, this attitude is softened toward Russia in direct ratio to the respective states' proximity to Soviet borders.—Havas.

Sanctions Held Improbable

London, Dec. 11.

Political circles here believe the League of Nations will certainly decide upon some measures to help Finland without going as far as applying sanctions against Soviet Russia or even expelling her. Support for Finland is the most important problem at present and they point out the considerable anxiety prevailing now over the Soviet threat against Sweden. Finland's view that she is fighting for western civilization is defended in all quarters here. It is in Swedish interests to support Finland, who is protecting her against Soviet Russia.—Havas.

Chungking Instructions

Chungking, Dec. 11.

A Chinese dispatch received here today from Geneva reveals that Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to France, who is head of the Chinese delegation to the League As-

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More Shipping Lost by Mines Off England

U-Boat Losses Also Accelerated Beyond German Production

Bergen, Dec. 11.

British warships have gathered outside Petsamo, Finland, informed quarters were said to have reported in a telephone dispatch from northern Norway last night. Observers believed the British ships were waiting to catch the German pocket-battleship Deutschland which was believed to be en route to Murmansk to obtain supplies.—United Press.

Seven British Ships in Past Week

London, Dec. 11.

In the week ending December 9, seven British ships were sunk. They represented 33,518 tons. Neutrals lost eight ships totalling 26,612 tons.

It is officially announced that four British ships totalling over 22,000 tons are long overdue and must be considered lost. They are the Ashlea (4,222 tons), the Newton Beech (4,651 tons), the Huntsman (8,196 tons) and the Travanion (5,299 tons).

The British steamer Willowpool, 4,815 tons, struck a mine today. The crew of 36 landed on the east coast.

The passenger steamer Duke of Lancaster was damaged by a collision early yesterday morning in the Irish Sea with the cargo vessel Fire King. The crew of ten of the Fire King was transferred to the Duke of Lancaster, one of them being injured.

According to message received here, the Swedish steamer Vinga has been sunk by an explosion. Her crew of 21 men has been taken aboard a Danish steamer.

The Belgian steamer Kabinda, 5,000 tons, which was on her way from Pernambuco, one of the states of Brazil, on the Atlantic coast, to Antwerp when she grounded on the south-east coast of England on December 8, has now broken her back and become a complete wreck. The crew, numbering 40 men, together with 50 other persons engaged in dumping cargo into the sea, were on the ship when she broke in half. All were saved, however, and uninjured.

According to a communique issued in Berlin today by the German High Command, "Two British tankers, aggregating 18,000 tons, were sunk on the western side of the English Channel." A German broadcast today warns German shipping that Finnish beacons have ceased to function and not to enter Finnish waters twenty miles from the coast as these are declared to be blockade districts by the Soviet.

Comment on U-boat Output

Germany, according to autoritative quarters in London, is not likely to be able to replace her submarines more rapidly than the rate she is losing them at present, namely two to four each week. The German estimate of her present and future output of submarines is not available, they add, but the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" indicates that the 1917 output, estimated at one submarine each day, can be greatly exceeded. According to figures available in official circles in London, they continue, the rate of commissionings of German submarines in 1917 averaged seven each month, the highest monthly number being thirteen. Authoritative circles here doubt whether it is now possible to approach that figure, given the shortage of materials, absence of skilled labour, diversion of workers for the production of "ersatz" materials and service in the armed forces.—Reuter.

U-boat Off Land's End

New York, Dec. 10.

Torpedoed by a U-boat off Land's End, England, the British freighter San Alberto, 7,397 tons, was sinking today, a wireless message received here reported this evening. The Belgian tanker Alexandre was stated to be standing by to pick up survivors of the San Alberto if necessary.—Havas.

Small Dutch Ship Sunk

Amsterdam, Dec. 10.

The Netherlands motor-ship Immingham, 398 tons, struck a mine today off North Holland. Her crew of seven men was rescued.—Reuter.

Esthonian Steamer Sunk

Tallinn, Dec. 11.

The Esthonian steamer Kassari was torpedoed by an unknown submarine last Sunday in the Finnish Golf, it was reported here. One of the crew was killed and several injured. The survivors have been landed on Hiuman Island.—Havas.

British Drifter Sunk

London, Dec. 11.

The mine-sweeping drifter, H.M.S. Ray of Hope, was sunk by a mine yesterday afternoon and four mem-

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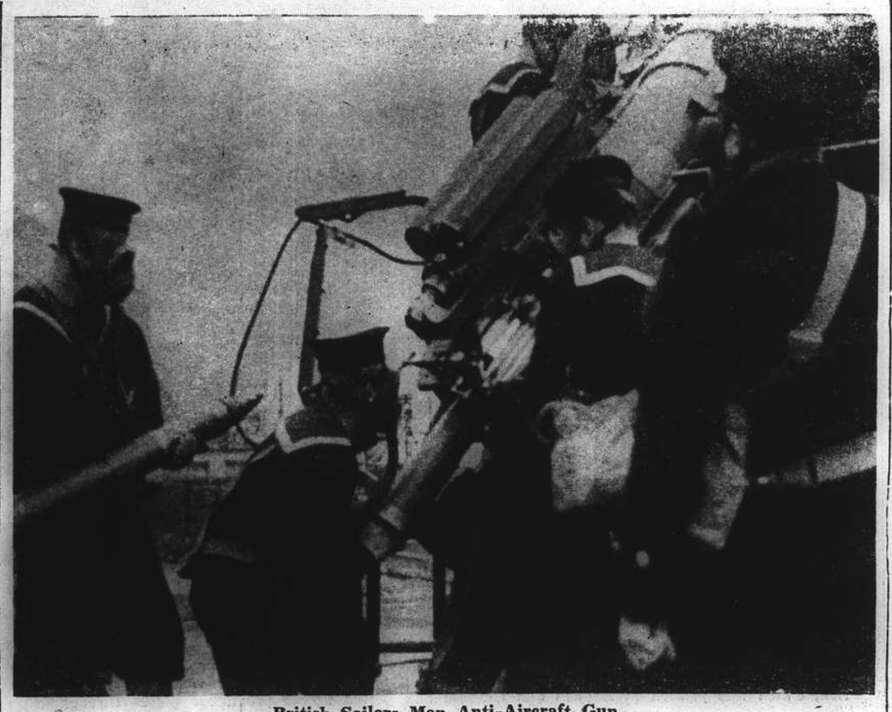

British Sailors Man Anti-Aircraft Gun

Gas-masked British sailors are shown in action at Portsmouth with an anti-aircraft gun during a practice session. Expectation of German air raids on naval bases and dockyards is accelerating these precautions.

British Troops Now Contact Nazis

Tommies Face Germans On West Front for First Time: "Red Indian War"

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 11.

The first Order of the Day by Lord Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Field Forces, when the British took over a sector of the Maginot Line outside the British zone, is featured by the newspapers here today. "The enemy," the Order concludes, awaits our arrival with expectancy. The opportunity is yours to maintain and enhance the glorious traditions inscribed in the Colours."—Reuter.

Tommies Face Germans

With B.E.F., Dec. 11.

For the first time since the war began, British troops are face to face with German forces. A part of the British Expeditionary Force now under French command, is occupying a portion of the Maginot Line outside the British zone. There has been some patrol activity and occasional mutual shelling in this part of the Western Front. There have been no casualties among the British troops.

The first major accident involving the British Forces in France occurred today when a lorry filled with Army signallers was dashed to pieces at a level-crossing by an express train. Six men were killed and seven were injured.—Reuter.

"Red Indian" Warfare

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Paris, Dec. 11.

The war on the Western Front is likened to a war of Red Indians by M. Charles Morico writing today in "Petit Parisien." He says the activities resemble certain aspects of the Spanish civil war. When official communiques say, "nothing important to report," it does not mean no fighting is occurring. "The fighting is different from the last time," M. Morico writes. "Daily, from one end of the battle front to the other, some forty sections, totalling between 1,600 to 2,000 men, are in contact. Fighting develops in unoccupied territory between two advanced lines of defence, which at some places, are separated by four to five miles. On a strip of land, both sides fight with the aid of machine-guns, hand-grenades and artillery."—Reuter.

Gunfire of South-East England

London, Dec. 11.

The sound of heavy-gun fire off the southern English coast was heard for fifteen minutes yesterday shortly after a British plane was sighted flying out to sea.

For the first time since the outbreak of the war, British troops are at the front, alongside the French, actually facing the Germans, morning papers here pointed out today with pride and generally emphasized that German propaganda, which accused the British of letting the French do all the fighting on land, will now have to find a new idea.

The "Daily Mail" points out that unity of command and identity of aims will be translated into a common

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King George Personally Confers Honours on French Soldiers

General Gamelin Decorated: British and French Fliers Given Distinctions for Notable Deeds

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

With B.E.F., Dec. 11.

Before leaving France, the King personally decorated Flying-Officer R. C. Graveley and Sergeant F. H. Gardiner, with the O.B.E. (Officer of the Order of the British Empire).

Flying-Officer Graveley, with total disregard for his own safety, pulled a wounded observer from a burning plane following a crash caused by enemy action. Sergeant Gardiner, observer in a plane which was seriously damaged, set an accurate course to his base, despite a wound over his right eye.

His Majesty conferred the Distinguished Service Order (D.S.O.) on a French cavalry captain. He also presented a non-commissioned officer of the French Air Force with the Distinguished Flying medal.

General Marie Gustave Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces, presented the Croix de Guerre to Flying-Officer Graveley and Sergeant Gardiner. His Majesty invested General Gamelin with the Grand Cross of the Bath, and General Georges, with the Grand Cross of the British Empire.

The King, returning from a six-days' visit to the British troops in France re-crossed the Channel yesterday in a British destroyer, remaining on the bridge throughout the trip. His Majesty landed with little ceremonial on the south coast and motored to London.—Reuter.

Official Communique

Paris, Dec. 10.

The French and British communiques issued tonight said: "After completing the first of his tour of the forces in France, King George, accompanied by General Viscount Gort, British Commander-in-Chief, spent two days in the zone of the French Army. On the second day, General Gamelin conducted the King around a sector of the Maginot Line where French troops presented arms. The King examined the fortifications and inspected units of the Royal Air Force and British troops now in contact with the enemy in that sector.

"The King decorated General Gamelin with the Great Cross of the Order of Bath and General Georges with the Great Cross of the Order of the British Empire. The King also presented British decorations to a French officer, two French soldiers and a French airman for gallantry in the field. Sunday morning, the King returned to England," the communiques concluded.—Havas.

Council Faces Big Deficit at End of This Year

Working Results Estimated to Show Deficit Of $6,000,000 Nearly Double Budgetted Figure

IN a report submitted to the Shanghai Municipal Council, the Treasurer has detailed the actual results for the nine months ended September 30, 1939 and the estimated position of the ordinary income and expenditure account at the close of this year. These estimated working results for the full year have been compared with the budget for 1939 and the more important features are presented for general information. It is anticipated that the ordinary financial statement at December 31, 1939, will disclose a deficit for the year of $6,052,160.61 on "General" account and $30,150 on "Education" account or a total of $6,082,310.61 as compared with the deficit of $2,323,780 shown in the published budget for 1939.

This represents an estimated increase of $3,758,530.61 in the budgetted deficit for the year which is made up as follows:—

INCREASES IN EXPENDITURE		
General	5,366,442.46	
Education	342,485.37	
		5,708,927.83
Less:		
INCREASE IN INCOME		
General	1,934,307.26	
Education (Miscellaneous) ..	16,089.96	
		1,950,397.22
Difference		$3,758,530.61

Ordinary Income-General

The estimated total of Income for the year from all sources exceeds the budget appropriation by $1,934,307.26.

General municipal rate and special rate are estimated to show increases of $590,619.91 and $110,767.48, respectively. This result is due to several causes amongst which may be cited the following:—Rehabilitation in the Eastern District; Industrial development in the Western areas; and Construction of new residential buildings.

Satisfactory revenue increases are also estimated to be shown in respect to wharfage dues $153,996.46; licence fees $349,814.28, and revenue from Public and Municipal undertakings $649,570,16.

Ordinary Expenditure-General

The principal items contributing to the estimated over-expenditure of $5,366,442.46 for the year under the heading "General" are:—

General Charges	$2,374,308.40
Police Force—General	1,016,026.56
Police Force—Gaol and Reformatory	295,541.92
Public Works Department	551,921.08
Stock and Stores (all sections)	724,605.83

The heading of general charges comprises extra-departmental expenses; pension and other retirement benefits; grants-in-aid and remission of taxation and rent of leased premises. The unfavourable position estimated on this account is due to the serious fall in exchange during the course of the year which involved greatly increased expenditure in respect to staff retirement benefits subject to exchange compensation.

Police Force Expenditures

The estimated over-expenditure of $1,016,026.56 for the general section of of the Police service is divisible as between pay and allowances $517,641.98 and material estimates less credits $498,384.58.

Under pay and allowances, temporary bonus accounts for $388,159.01; repatriation exchange adjustment for $57,173.62, and long leave exchange compensation for $68,046.08. The basic pay of Section II shows an increase of $60,117.67 which arises from a betterment in the scales of pay for members of this section. Appropriations covering pay and allowances in other directions show minor unexpended balances due to staff wastages.

The main items of estimated over-expenditure relating to the material estimates are fuel $157,779.39; locomotion $96,489.11; uniform and equipment $67,910.01; medical aid $41,834.47; light $56,709.30, water $15,606.42; printing and stationery $18,747.62, and maintenance and repairs $21,615.98. These estimated increases in expenditure are due to the fall in exchange and the higher cost of essential services and commodities.

The chief item reflected in the estimated over-expenditure of $295,541.92 in respect of Gaol and Reformatory is an increase of $219,329.41 in expenditure incurred on food for prisoners. There has been a marked increase in the number of prisoners accommodated during the course of the year and the rising cost of foodstuffs has also contributed towards this unfavourable result.

Public Works Department

Of the over-expenditure of $551,921.08 estimated for the year in respect of the Public Works Department, house refuse shows an excess expenditure of $263,055.63 due to increased costs of operation, the mounting volume of garbage to be handled daily, and to the conclusion of an arrangement whereby a monthly sum is payable to the Shanghai Special Municipal Government for the privilege of dumping garbage in areas under its control.

The estimated increased expenditure on lighting of $106,568.78 is due to the authorized surcharges levied by the Shanghai Power Company and the Western District Power Company.

Stock and Stores (All Sections)

The estimated net increase for the year over the relative budget appropriations in respect of stock and stores (all sections) is $724,605.83. This result is largely due to the fall in exchange and the higher cost of commodities. Road materials and other supplies for the Public Works Department and uniform requirements for the Police Force constitute the major items affected.

Education-Income

The estimated sum of $2,592,835.41 allocated for the year to education from ordinary income general represents the estimated equivalent of the amount to be derived from a two per cent. General municipal rate together with the correlative proportion of land tax which is the maximum transfer permissible under the Council's existing education policy. It is anticipated that this allocation, together with receipts under miscellaneous income, will be insufficient to meet the estimated expenditure requirements for the full year by some $30,150.

Busy Agenda for Parliament

Adjournment on Thursday For Christmas Recess

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 10.

In the last few days before adjournment on Thursday for the Christmas recess, Parliament will be fully engaged.

In the House of Commons there will be a secret session on Wednesday, when discussion will be on the supply of arms and munitions.

On Tuesday, the House will hear a statement on war in the air by the Air Secretary, Sir Kingsley Wood, while before adjournment on Thursday, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, will review the progress of the war as a whole. On all three days, the question list will be long.

The Russian attack on Finland and further measures towards co-ordination of organization of the nation's economic effort are subjects in forefront of interest.—Reuter.

China Airways to Have Monopoly in This Area

New Services Planned By Sino-Japan Company

Peiping, Dec. 11.

The charter for the China Airways Company, a semi-official firm which will monopolize the aviation business in Japanese-occupied areas in China, was approved yesterday by the Peiping "Provisional Government," the new Nanking Government and the Federated Autonomy Government of Mongolia.

A capital of Y.50,000,000 was listed by the company of this amount Y.12,500,000 is cash. The company was granted the right to issue debentures amounting to Y.25,000,000. Redemption of the bonds was guaranteed by the governments concerned.

Air service between Shanghai and Canton, Dairen and Shanghai, Peiping and Hankow, and Canton, Tsingtao and Taiyuan, Tsingtao and Kaifeng and Shanghai, Hangchow and Nanking will be started by the company.

Air service between these cities will be started in addition to the operations of existing lines between Peiping and Dairen, Peiping and Paotow, Peiping and Shanghai and Shanghai and Hankow.—Domei.

Two More Rice Strikes

Sincere's Store, British Soap Company, Involved; Rice Prices Not Affected By Proclamation

THOUSANDS of eyes in Shanghai, including, no doubt, those of the people for whom the warning was intended—speculators, hoarders and profiteers—yesterday rested upon the proclamation issued under the seals of the French and Shanghai Municipal Councils on Sunday in connection with the rice crisis in the city. Printed in Chinese and English and posted up in prominent places throughout the two foreign areas, copies of the proclamation were eagerly scanned by large crowds throughout the day.

That the majority of the Chinese population welcomed the action of the two authorities was apparent everywhere but there was little change in the prices asked for this essential commodity, a drop of about 60 cents a picul from $45 to $44.40 being registered for first-grade rice. Illustrative of the seriousness of the situation was the outbreak of two more strikes in the city; one at the China Soap Company's factory in Yangtzsepoo and the other at Sincere's store. On Sunday, it will be recalled, employees of the Sun Co., staged a go-slow strike which was called off pending negotiations between the staff and the management.

Although there were many sighs of relief when news of the Councils' action was spread far and wide, most of the Chinese population expressed discontent in no uncertain terms with the extremely high prices which still prevailed, proclamation or no proclamation. Hope was expressed that the two authorities, by whom the welcome action had been taken, would immediately start enquiries to ascertain whether or not the rice merchants were making more than the 20 per cent. profit allowed by Chinese law.

Interviewed by a "North-China Daily News" reporter yesterday an official of the S. M. C. stated that there had been no developments following the publication of the proclamation. No profiteers had been reported to the Council under the terms of the proclamation and, consequently, there had been no action taken against dealers, such as expulsion from the two foreign areas and the confiscation of stocks of rice, with both of which penalties unscrupulous dealers had been threatened.

Interference

He added that there was a certain amount of interference with rice stocks coming to the city but supplies were still entering from the occupied areas and from Saigon. These were not large enough, however, to feed the whole population. It was still too early, he concluded, to forecast what would happen in the future and the only thing to be done was to watch and wait for developments.

These were not long in making their appearance yesterday. The first development came in the form of a strike at the Chinese Soap Company's factory (a Lever Bros. subsidiary) in Yangtszepoo, where 700 Chinese employees failed to appear for work in the premises at the usual hour of 7 a.m. As a result the plant was closed down all day. The men are asking for increases in salary to offset exorbitant prices locally.

Two Strikes Staged

At Sincere's store the employees suddenly staged a go-slow strike at 7 p.m. on Sunday—a little later than the strike organized at the Sun Company's store on the same day—and presented their demands for increased wages and rice allowance. The employees returned to the store yesterday morning and continued to press their demands, which were not accepted. The result was that the shop remained closed all day yesterday as the strikers remained on the premises attempting to attain their ends.

Striking employees of the Sincere Company stated last night that they would continue remaining on the premises without doing work unless their four demands for an increase of wages (including the $5 rice allowance) were accepted. Negotiations between the go-slow strikers and the management were apparently deadlocked last night when the strikers showed no sign of leaving the premises after midnight.

More than 600 strikers were seen sitting or standing in the main sales hall of the department store last evening and they were well organized, creating no disturbances. Posters demanding an increase in wages were seen everywhere in the building and the strikers were given free drinks cigarettes, bread and other things by employees of other big firms in Nanking Road and other streets.

Police Cordon

The police threw a cordon round the premises but strikers who remained outside the building stated that they would not leave unless their demands were accepted. Their manager would not see them, but a middleman was appointed to talk the matter over. By midnight, no satisfactory results were reported. Most of the striking employees draw $12 monthly, it was stated. Each wanted a $5 rice allowance and another $5 which, they alleged, was taken away from their wages since the 1932 hostilities.

Even bean curd merchants in the Western District were reported last night to be considering an increase of prices as their employees demanded higher wages. Prices of fried flour products and cakes eaten by the poor every day have also been increased from two cents to three cents each

In Nanziang, a district only an hour's train journey from Shanghai, the price of first-grade rice is about $35 a picul. This fact was revealed by visitors to the city yesterday from this village and they be-

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Latest Exchange

The quotations hitherto appearing on this page will in future be found on the Commercial Page.

In addition to Interbank Selling Rates and Silver Quotations (now on page 14) the following exchanges will be given daily:—

Francs	Yen
Guilders	Rupees
Pesos	Hongkong dollars

and the New York/London cross rate.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Dec. 11.

Silver prices improved substantially today, with quotations fixed as follow:

	Dec. 8	Dec. 11
London spot	23⅛d.	23 5/16d.
" forward	23 5/16d.	23½d.
" gold	168/–	168/–

London/New York:

	Dec. 9 close	Dec. 11 1 p.m.
One pound U.S.	$4.0200	$4.0200
One U.S. dollar	59.701d.	59.701d.

—Reuter.

Soviets Protest at Allied Blockade

Nazis Deny Arms Sent To Aid Finns: London Comments on Anomalies

Moscow, Dec. 10.

Soviet Russia has protested to Great Britain and France over the Allied decision to seize German exports in neutral ships on the high seas, it is announced by the official Russian wireless today.

The Note declares the Allied methods of economic warfare violate international law, and reserves the right to claim compensation if State-owned Soviet merchantmen are forced to call at Allied ports, or if the Allied measures otherwise damage Russia's trade.—Reuter.

Nazis Deny Aiding Finns

London, Dec. 10.

An emphatic denial of the report that Germany had ever delivered war materials to Finland was broadcast today by the official German wireless. The announcer declared that these allegation were only destined to disturb German-Russian relations. The reports from Italy that Germany was supplying armaments to Finland had apparently been annoying the Soviet authorities, who asked for public denials of the reports. At the same time, a message from London sent by the official Russian news agency, that "British official circles do not confirm the report published in Stockholm that Finland has ordered 100 fighter aircraft from England." is given without comment in the "Pravda."—Reuter.

Deeper Nazi-Red Pact Seen

London, Dec. 10.

Latest reports from Berlin and Moscow led British political quarters to assert tonight that they believe Nazi-Red understanding to be deeper than they have suspected to date. The Soviet Note over the Allied blockade and Berlin's vehement denial that any German war materials were sent to Finland, were taken here as confirmation of these suspicions. Neither move surprised British quarters, for Soviet silence to the present was regarded as "abnormal."

What caused a great deal of comment in London this evening was the poor taste shown by the Kremlin in its choice of time for its representations against stringent anti-German blockade measures. The U.S.S.R., British observers pointed out, chooses to protest an alleged violation of international law at the very moment that its armies are attacking peace-loving Finland and its naval units are drawing tight a truly illegal blockade around Finnish coasts.

According to the Soviet Foreign Commissar, Russia denied she is at war with Finland, and therefore she could not claim the right to institute a blockade.—Havas.

Germans Not to Leave Lithuania Just Yet

Appeal from Latvian Germans Rejected by Nazi Authorites

Kaunas, Dec. 10.

Repatriation of Germans from Lithuania, originally planned to begin in October and then postponed until December, has now been put off until Spring.

The announcement of the second postponement was made today by the Reich leader of German Lithuanian Nazis, after a visit to Berlin.—Reuter.

Latvian German Appeal Rejected

Berlin, Dec. 10.

An appeal for the postponement of repatriation of further batches of Germans from Latvia has been rejected, according to the official German news agency. The German Minister to Latvia, in a statement made today, said that both parties realized that repatriation would be a painful affair, involving sacrifices, but it was impossible to consider the proposal for postponement.—Reuter.

Finnish Appeal Issued To Whole World

Parliament Asks "Active Assistance from Nations"

Helsinki, Dec. 10.

An appeal to all nations of the world not to let Finland fight alone has been issued by the Finnish Parliament, which met today.

"The Finnish people," the appeal declares, "are fighting for independence, liberty and honour. We are defending our religion, homes and all that civilized people consider sacred. So far, we have been fighting alone, against an enemy who invades our territory, although, in actual fact, it is a question of defending everything humanity holds most precious. We have proved our will to do all we can in this fight, but we believe the civilized world, which has already displayed so much sympathy for us, will not let us fight alone against a numerically superior enemy. Our position as the advance post of Western civilization entitles us to expect active assistance from all civilized nations."—Reuter.

Finnish Envoy on Moscow Talks

Russians Did Not Even Wait for Last Reply of Helsinki; Notes Delayed

Copenhagen, Dec. 11.

Diplomatic relations between Finland were severed by Russia before Finland's last proposals had been handed to the Soviet officials, Baron Yrjo-Koskinen, Finnish Minister to Russia, declared to a correspondent of the "Politiken" in an interview here today, while passing through on his way home from Moscow.

The Soviet authorities, he added delayed the transmission of all official Finnish Notes.

Baron Yrjo-Koskinen pointed out that Finland's final proposals were most far reaching and even went so far as to accept unilateral withdrawal of Finnish troops from the Karelian Isthmus. An agreement could have been reached without difficulty if only the Russians wanted one, he said.

The Russian population was stunned by news of the war, he continued, and from the beginning the authorities were most astonished by the slow progress made by the Red Army.

The Baron added that the strength of the Russian army was sapped by the many purges to which it was subjected and which resulted in many of its best officers being shot.

In conclusion, he stressed that all members of the Finnish Legation in Moscow arrived safely in Berlin, except four Chinese servants who were detained in Moscow as their passports were invalid.—Havas.

Two More Rice Strikes

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moaned their luck because of the fact that in Tsingpu, a rice producing district, first-grade rice was only priced at $24 or $25 a picul.

Such statements substantiate the theory that in the interior some sort of control has been effectively introduced by the authorities. To get at the root of the trouble in Shanghai, it was suggested yesterday, a conference between these authorities and the Shanghai authorities might be arranged. Co-operation, it was stressed, was the only way to bring down the exorbitant prices.

Unscrupulous Dealers

There was more selling activity on the local market yesterday following the proclamation and supplies were plentiful, which would seem to indicate that hoarders have taken the hint and have released some rice stocks for sale to the public. On the other hand the utter unscrupulousness of these dealers was clearly revealed when it was discovered that second-grade rice in some shops was being sold as the first-grade product.

The Shanghai Chamber of Commerce issued a public statement yesterday asking all Chinese merchants to assist the Shanghai people to face the present crisis by selling their goods at reasonable prices. Although the Chamber of Commerce has received many requests to organize a price fixing committee, it was learned yesterday that such action as this would be left to the local authorities. It was pointed out that price control has been effectively established in Hongkong by the authorities there.

Japanese to Bring in Rice

Japanese Army authorities would extend full co-operation to Settlement and Concession authorities in their efforts to control rice prices, a Japanese Army spokesman stated yesterday.

Army authorities would take action to increase imports of rice and thus help alleviate the situation, the spokesman said. It was wholly contrary to the wishes of the Army authorities that the Chinese people should suffer from shortage of rice and exorbitant prices, he added. Army authorities were concerned over the situation, the spokesman stated, as it was their desire to safeguard the welfare of the people and contribute to their happiness.

The Japanese Army authorities regretted to learn that the present hardship was due to the activities of speculators, and they were determined to co-operate with the Settlement and Concession authorities in dealing with them, according to the spokesman. While the Army would pay close attention to the effect of the proclamations issued on Sunday, it would demonstrate its co-operation to the Settlement and Concession authorities by bringing in large quantities of rice in order to adjust supply and demand, the spokesman stated. These measures would be repeated until the shortage was alleviated, he concluded.

Turkey to Send Press Attache To Berlin

Ankara, Dec. 10.

Turkish resentment at German methods of propaganda abroad, Turkey included, shortly will find open expression in the appointment of a Press Attaché to the Berlin Embassy, it was reported today. The Attaché will be aided by a staff. The appointment, it was remarked has been advocated by the Turkish press which wishes Turkey to follow German methods in retaliation against their employ here.—Havas.

Cyprus Fund in Aid of British Red Cross

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 10.

The fund inaugurated among all classes in Cyprus to help the British Red Cross Society has already exceeded sum of £5,000. In the small colony, with a total population of about 370,000 persons, such a generous response provides striking testimony of the enthusiasm of Cyprus for the British cause.—Reuter.

Chinese Driven Back Near Hangchow

Hangchow, Dec. 11.

In a battle with 1,500 Chinese troops of the 6th Detachment of the anti-Japanese Self-Defence Corps and a portion of the newly-organized 30th Division near Haiyen on the northern bank of Hangchow Bay on Thursday and Friday, Japanese forces killed 154 Chinese soldiers and took two prisoners.—Domei.

Hitler Said Preparing New "Peace Drive"

Paris, Dec. 11.

A message from Geneva, published today by "Le Journal," states that Germany will take advantage of the meeting of the League Assembly to launch another peace offensive.

Comment is made on the presence of a large number of German journalists, and the message says Herr Hitler wishes to inform the Allies of the following proposals:—

1. Reconstruction of Czechoslovakia without Sudetenland;
2. Restoration of Poland in centres occupied only by Poles, with the Reich to keep Danzig and the Polish Corridor;
3. White Ruthenia and Eastern Galicia to be buffer states;
4. A plebiscite in Austria under international control; and,
5. The Allies to be invited to join Herr Hitler in a pact of mutual assistance restoring peace in Europe.—Reuter.

Finns Entrench Before Main Defence Lines

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at the northern end of the Gulf of Bothnia, was stated here to be a probability within the very near future. To check this expected offensive, the Finns are calling up new reserves. The aim of the Ukhta offensive would be to cut Swedish-Finnish communications.—Havas.

Finns Raid Murmansk Line

Berne, Dec. 10.

Important troop movements in various regions of western Soviet Russia were reported today by the Stockholm correspondent of the influential "Basler Nachrichten." The movements, he affirmed, are the result of Moscow's decision considerably to reinforce the Red armies invading Finland and pave the way for a second, "crushing" offensive. He also reported that Finnish warplanes have raided the Murmansk railway line at several points, causing considerable damage to the tracks.—Havas.

War Develops in North

Helsinki, Dec. 11.

Authoritative quarters here today denied the report that Soviet troops have broken through the Finnish defences. In the north there was violent fighting and many Soviet prisoners were made. Some did not know their country was at war and believed they were taking part in manoeuvres.

During the night from Saturday to Sunday, Soviet troops have been massing along the right bank of the Petsamo River. The left bank is occupied by Finnish troops, and an important engagement is expected when the Soviet forces are ready.

All reports confirm that Finnish troops inflicted heavy losses on their foes. More than 400 Russians were killed in a single clash, while several hundred were captured. In the Karelian Isthmus five Soviet tanks were destroyed by anti-tank guns.

It is confirmed that Soviet troops were often badly equipped and lacked training. Some prisoners said they were under-nourished and that there were no doctors or ambulances to care for the wounded.—Havas.

Finns Fight Back Strongly

Helsinki, Dec. 11.

The Finns are fighting back strongly in the important Rovassmidi sector in southern Finland against a strong Russian attack, reports from that district say this morning. The Finns took Russian prisoners "with poor equipment and only the flimsiest uniforms to withstand the icy weather, which is now below freezing point."

Cold Takes Terrible Toll

Berne, Dec. 11.

Finns and the Soviet troops are battling in the north of Finland with the thermometer reading 30 degrees Centigrade below zero (about 58 degrees Fahrenheit below zero) without any appreciable results, the Stockholm correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" reported today. He adds that on the Karelian Isthmus every square inch of territory gained costs the lives of many men and much material.

Travellers from Helsinki report that 50,000 persons are still in the Finnish capital. Anti-aircraft shelters are being built there and the population is getting set for a long and arduous resistance.

The Finnish Minister here, Dr. Rudolf Holsti, announced that over 6,000 students are doing voluntary work at the front.—Havas.

Reds Use Women at Front

Stockholm, Dec. 11.

Neutral observers in Finland confirm unanimously that those serving in the Soviet front lines include Finnish civilians, Poles and even women. Extreme cold has taken a heavy toll of lives among the refugees in the north of Finland. These observers also confirm that Soviet planes on several occasions machine-gunned civilian refugees.—Havas.

More Shipping Lost by Mines Off England

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bers of the crew killed, the Admiralty announced today. Five of the crew were missing.

The 525-ton French steamer Dinaro was sunk by enemy action on Friday off the south-east coast of England but the ship's crew of thirteen was saved.—United Press.

Japanese "Test" Ship

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Hope that the Japanese ship Sanyo Maru which leaves Rotterdam on Tuesday with German exports in her hold would encounter no difficulties was expressed today by a spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Office. He added that there had been no new developments in Japanese-British negotiations on the proposed British seizure of all all German exports.—Domei.

Damage Commission Directors Named

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Col. Saburo Kawamura, infantry officer, and Flight Col. Seizo Arisuye today were officially appointed Directors of a commission to investigate damages in the China hostilities.—Domei.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Rice Crisis in Shanghai

Eagerly scanned by thousands of people in Shanghai yesterday were copies of the proclamation issued on Sunday by the French and Shanghai Municipal Councils in connection with the rice crisis in the city. Picture shows an interested group of Chinese gathering round the proclamation, which was printed in English and Chinese and posted up in prominent places throughout the city and both foreign areas.

U.S. Makes Loan to Finland

American Cotton and Food Supplies Made Available

Washington, Dec. 11.

The Export-Import Bank and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, both government-controlled, have established credits in the United States up to $10,000,000 to enable Finland to purchase surplus American foods and other civilian supplies, it was announced last night.

The announcement was made by the chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Mr. Jesse Jones. The credits, which were approved by President Roosevelt, will be in favour of the Finnish-American Trading Corporation, a firm organized by the Finnish Minister in Washington, Mr. Jones also announced yesterday that the American Government was considering making similar credits available to Norway.

The credits granted Finland by the United State where similar to last year's extension of $25,000,000 credits to the Universal Trading Corporation for the Chinese Government.

The Finnish-American Trading Corporation is capitalized at $1,000,000 guaranteed by the Bank of Finland and the Finnish Government.

Some time last week Mr. Jones conferred with President Roosevelt, it was disclosed. Before the proposed financial aid, President Roosevelt suggested assistance could be lent Finland by placing the forthcoming instalment of the Finnish war debt to America into a special fund on which Finland could draw.—United Press.

FUNERAL

Gerald (Jerry) T. F. Knowles

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at Bubbling Well Cemetery for little Gerald (Jerry) Thomas Franklin Knowles, the 18-months-old son of Det-Serg and Mrs. Stanley S. Knowles. The services were conducted by Dean Trivett and the chief mourners were the parents, from whom a beautiful cross of flowers rested upon the white casket that was carried to the grave by Messrs. N. C. Pharazyn, George A. Day, H. R. Cooper and A. S. Anderson.

Among those sending floral tributes were:—

Mummy, Daddy and Dorothy; Godmother Marjorie, Harru and the babies; Auntie Jean and Uncle Charlie; Dave, Emily and family; Uncle Audie and Meise; Auntie Connie and Uncle Jom; Dicky and Angels; Crime Branch Headquarters, Shanghai Municipal Police; Mr. and Mrs. Bushell and family; Ciela-Cital; Madame E. Desroches; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dickson. Jean and Margaret; George A. Day; Mr. and Mrs. T. Darvill; D. A. Grigorovich; N. T. Griffiths; Mr. and Mrs. G. Grafen; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kennedy; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Martin. N. C. Pharazyn; Mr. and Mrs. R. Strobel; John Franklin Stevens; Mr. F. W. Sadler; Katherine and David Watson.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the International Funeral Directors.

Russia May Ask Aid Of Estonia

London, Dec. 11.

Soviet Russia has asked Estonia to fulfill the conditions of the mutual assistance pact between the two countries and help her fight the Finns, the Stockholm correspondent of the "News-Chronicle" reported this morning. The mutual assistance pact provides that each party is bound to assist the other in an attack by a third power.—Havas.

Budapest Students in Pro-Finnish March

Budapest Dec. 11.

Fifteen hundred today participated in the latest student's demonstration outside the Finnish Legation as a mark of sympathy for Finland.—Reuter.

Cardinal Lauri Appointed Camerlengo

Rome, Dec. 11.

The Pope's Consistory today appointed Lorenzo Cardinal Lauri, Chief Penitentiary, to the post of Camerlengo, or French Minister, of the Holy Roman Catholic Church.—United Press.

Soviet Navy Mines Estonian Islands

Tallinn, Dec. 11.

The Soviet naval authorities have ordered the laying of mines off the Oesel and Dago Islands. These two islands, belonging to Estonia, were occupied by Soviet troops by provisions of the recent mutulal assistance pact.—Havas.

Tientsin Question Aired in Tokyo

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Maintenance of peace and order in Tientsin was discussed by Mr. P. H. Gore-Booth, First Secretary of the British Embassy, and Foreign Office officials this morning. Mr. Gore-Booth visited the Foreign Office at 11 a.m.—Domei.

League Assembly Begins Work

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sembly, is maintaining the closest contact with Soviet, British and French representatives.

The dispatch states that he is "probably informing them of the attitude China is going to take at the meetings and also exchanging views with them regarding the election of members of the League Council." It forecasts that Britain will be in favour of naming Russia as the aggressor and for giving material assistance to Finland, but is unlikely to support the proposal for Russia's expulsion from the League.—Reuter.

China to Block Expulsion

Geneva, Dec. 11.

China will block the expulsion of Soviet Russia from the League and has informed the British and French delegations that she will not participate in the League Council meeting, reliable quarters reported last night. China's refusal to participate destroy's the Argentine proposal to oust Russia because the unanimous consent of the Council is required for such action.—United Press.

Rapid Decision Expected

Geneva, Dec. 11.

The necessity for speed has been strongly impressed on all delegations, and League Assembly proceedings are not expected to last beyond December 14. If the Assembly expresses the view that the Soviet should be expelled from the League, the decision will rest with the Council. Much therefore depends on the constitution of the Council after its election by the Assembly. The Union of South Africa will replace New Zealand, who is retiring, and Bolivia has been nominated for re-election. China probably will also be re-elected. A successor has to be found for Sweden.

That much interest centres on the meeting is evident from the large number of journalists attending, especially German and Italian. Fifteen German correspondents are here, although the German press is only permitted to carry one official version of the League's activities.—Reuter.

British Troops Now Contact Nazis

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front against the enemy and adds that now the two armies are together, Goebbels will have to invent another lie.

The "News Chronicle" declares the part played by the "contemptible little army" in 1914 ought to teach the German propagandists the futility of sarcasm, the best answer to which was given by M. Daladier when he said that Britain had lost more lives than France since the beginning of the war.—Havas.

West Front More Active

Paris, Dec. 11.

"There were fighting and patrols at various points along the front," a French Headquarters war communique announced last night.—Havas.

Germans Urged to Evacuate

Luxembourg, Dec. 11.

It is reported from Wesserbillig that the inhabitants of German villages near the Sure River were advised to evacuate. Troop movements on the left bank of the river are becoming more and more frequent, with soldiers heading for two opposite towns, namely Trier and Echternacherbruck.—Havas.

150,000 Copper Coins in Motor Car

A street patrol of the French police halted an automobile in Rue Baron Gros yesterday morning and upon examining the trunks in the car found 150,000 copper coins in them. The car containing the valuable cargo was taken to the police station and its two occupants were detained for questioning.

It was learned that the French police are still investigating as to where the coppers, coins of the Republic, came from.

Reich-Rumanian Trade Talks Near End

Lei May Come Down to Mark Parity of 50

Bucharest, Dec. 11.

It is understood that the economic negotiations between Germany and Rumania will be ended here soon. Dr. Clodius, head of the German delegation, will leave shortly for Berlin after reaching some sort of agreement on most points at issue.

The most important of the German requests was that providing for a readjustment in the parity rate of the German Reichsmark and the Rumanian Lei. The Germans wanted their Reichsmark to have a purchase value of 60 Lei instead of the present 41.5 Lei. Rumania is strongly opposed to this and no final agreement has yet been reached but some quarters believe the Rumanians will agree to lower their Lei to a parity of 50 for a Reichsmark.

Another problem still pending is that of Germany's offer of "goods credits" through which she would purchase important quantities of Rumanian wheat and grant Rumania credits for manufactured goods which can be delivered only in six months or a year.—Havas.

French Council of Ministers Meets

Paris, Dec. 11.

The Council of Ministers met here this morning in a session devoted to an examination of the League of Nations meeting in Geneva. The Ministers heard a report by the Premier, Mr. Edouard Daladier, on the Geneva deliberations, following which the Council concluded that no new event had occurred of a nature justifying an alteration in the instructions already given to the French delegates to the League meeting.—Havas.

Fukien Puppet Leader Reported Captured

Chungking, Dec. 11.

A Chinese dispatch from Foochow, received here today, states that in the fighting at Chaoan, which was reported to have been recaptured by the Chinese on December 7, "an important puppet leader named Lin Chi-yuan was captured by Chinese troops."

According to Chinese reports, the Japanese had intended to set up a puppet government in Fukien with Lin Chi-yuan as head of the civil administration.—Reuter.

King Attends Meeting Of Privy Council

London, Dec. 11.

King George presided over a meeting of the Privy Council this morning. The Council approved the Order whereby the meeting of Parliament on December 13 would be held in strict secrecy, with no information regarding the proceedings being made public.—Havas.

Jerusalem Volunteers Total 1,200

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Jerusalem, Dec. 11.

The Government announces the enlistment of 1,200 volunteers to the Auxiliary Pioneer Corps for service in France.—Reuter.

Two U.S. Ambulances Leaving for Finland

Paris, Dec. 11.

Two American volunteer ambulances are to leave a French port revealed here today.—United Press.

New British Signalling System Invented

Sir Ambrose Fleming Tells Of Leak-Proof Device

London, Dec. 11.

Sir Ambrose Fleming, whose invention of the Thermionic Valve revolutionized wireless telegraphy and made modern broadcasting possible, has invented a new leak-proof system of signalling and receiving.

Sir Ambrose, who is 91 years of age, declared that he had already submitted the invention to the Admiralty.

It is understood that the new system permits the dispatch of signals which can be read only by those in possession of an instrument which alone can decode the messages.

The system will facilitate short distance signalling between ships at sea and from ships to land stations and without danger of any leakage.—Havas.

Ban on Japanese Goods Tightened in China

Hongkong, Dec. 11.

Trying to check the inflow of commodities from Japan or Japanese-controlled areas into districts under Chungking's jurisdiction, Nationalist authorities announced another list of 60 Chinese manufacturers whose products will not be allowed to enter the interior, according to information reaching this city today.

The Economics Ministry at Chungking recently announced a first list of manufacturers whose products were banned. These numbered 52.

The greater part of the manufacturers named in the new list are doing business in Shanghai. Included were the China Match Company and the New Shanghai Cotton Mill.—Domei.

Japanese Vessel Avoids German Mine Zone

Kobe, Dec. 11.

Because of the hazards to shipping in the mined English Channel the Osaka Shosen Kaisha has cancelled the voyage of the 10,297-ton freighter Hokkai Maru from Liverpool to Southampton and Rotterdam, it was announced today. Instead, the vessel, now in Liverpool, will sail directly to New York. It left Kobe on October 18.

The O.S.K. Kyushu Maru, 10,092 tons, likewise may cancel a scheduled stop at Southampton, where it is due on January 6. It was stated that future sailings of O.S.K. ships to Southampton and Rotterdam will be decided by negotiations between the Japanese and British Governments.—Domei.

Sig. Mussolini Receives Defence Heads

Rome, Dec. 11.

Signor Benito Mussolini yesterday received a group of the nation's highest defence leaders to discuss Italy's defences on the mainland of Europe, setting in motion the military machinery necessary to support Italy's Balkan policy which was announced last Friday. Later Il Duce received the Minister of Colonies and discussed the military situation in Africa, as well as economic and political questions.—United Press.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIRST SPECIAL AREA IN SHANGHAI

NOTICE NO. 10494

In re Application for Letters of Administration of Estate Of

The Late SEVERINA JOSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public that:

Whereas Carmen Jose has filed a Petition with this Court for issuance to her of Letters of Administration for the above mentioned Estate, stating in essence that, the deceased mother, SEVERINA JOSE, without nationality, died at Shanghai in the year 1939, at the age of thirty-seven, leaving a sum of money nan.ely (1) A current Deposit No. 556 with the Hongkew Branch Office of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, amounting to Four Hundred and Twenty Nine Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents Chinese National Currency (CN$429.38)—(2) A fixed Deposit No. 74/151, amounting to One Thousand Dollars Chinese National Currency (CN$1,000); (3) A fixed Deposit No. 74/19 amounting to One Thousand Dollars Chinese National Currency (CN$1,000). The above-mentioned Estate should, in accordance with law, be administered by the Petitioner.

Now Therefore publication hereof is made in the newspapers to notify the public that whosoever objects to such petition shall file such objection with this Court within the period commencing from the first day of the publication, and ending on the twentieth day after the last day of the publication. If no objection has been filed within the specified period of time, this Court will forthwith grant Letters of Administration of the said Estate.

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Herr Hitler Fails to Stop Russian Operations

"Daily Herald" Learns of Rebuff Over Finnish War

London, Dec. 11.

The Helsinki correspondent of the "Daily Herald" learned today that Hitler made a vain attempt to stop Soviet Russia's military operations against Finland. The correspondent added that Count von der Schulenburg, the German Ambassador in Moscow, brought Hitler's proposals to the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Viacheslav Molotoff, and strongly urged him to start peace negotiations with Finland. This was met with a categorical refusal.—Havas.

Japanese Artillery Unit Said Wiped Out

Chungking, Dec. 11.

"One Japanese independent mountain-gun artillery detachment was entirely wiped out in the fighting on December 6 in the Chuntiaoshan mountain," states a Chinese dispatch from the South Shansi front.

The dispatch claims that the commander of the detachment, a Colonel Morido, was seriously wounded.—Reuter.

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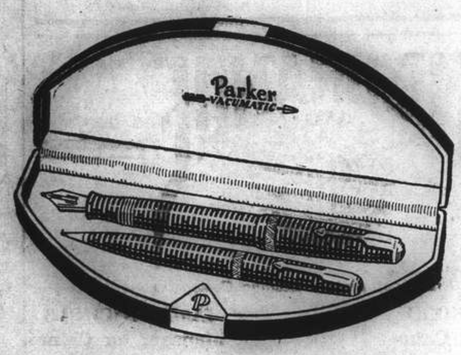

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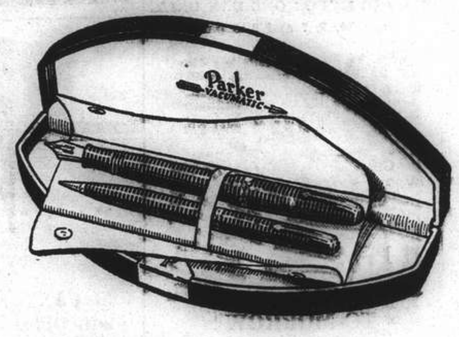

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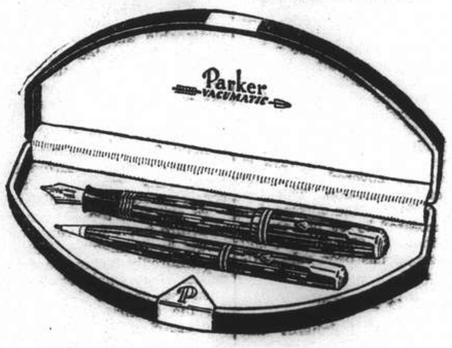

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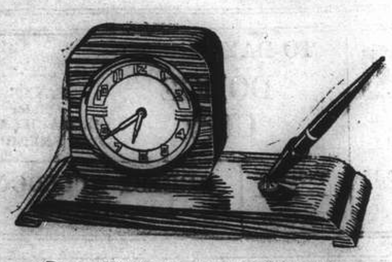

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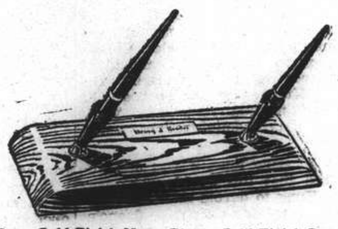

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"Black Market" for Local Exchange

Hawkers Selling Military Notes At Discount Flock On Soochow Creek Bridges

Travelling exchange agents have been increasingly active on the bridges over the Soochow Creek, since the Japanese in the occupied areas have been insisting upon the use of military notes in those parts of the country over which they exercise control. These exchange agents are operating without shops, and are apparently sponsored by some mysterious financial figure in the background. All attempts of the "North-China Daily News" to locate this figure yesterday proved futile, but inquiries showed that Chinese and Japanese interested in the new régime here are keeping a close watch on the proceedings.

Boom business was being done by these roving exchange hawkers when they were visited by the "North-China Daily News" yesterday on the Szechuen Road bridge. Chinese national notes were being exchanged at rates varying between 25 and 40 per cent. discount.

Like Ticket Collectors

As the Japanese have recently decided to push the circulation of their military notes in the occupied areas, these exchange men have become more active than ever before. They are likely railway ticket collectors, stopping villagers going to the country via the bridge and asking them if they have *chuan yunp iao* or the military notes, which alone will be accepted on the train and in buses and Japanese stores in occupied areas. Their exchange rate is $1.32 in Chinese currency for a $1 in Japanese military note. In other words, the Chinese possessing Chinese national currency will have to suffer a loss if they want to go into the occupied interior.

Hardly Profiteers

These small exchange men, however, can hardly be called profiteers. Like numerous hawkers and small merchants with little means at their disposal, these people are seen milling round the Szechuen Road side of the bridge and trying to eke out a living by rendering a small service to travellers, and investigations reveal that their profit is between five and seven cents for each dollar exchanged. Their rates fluctuate, depending on the amount needed. If one wants to exchange a few dollars, then the rate may be $1.40, but if a large amount of military notes is wanted then the rate may be reduced to even $1.30 in Chinese currency.

A Place on the Market

A check with exchange shops in Sezchuen Road reveals that the new exchange hawkers have their place in the market, for most of these exchange shops do not exchange military notes when small sums are needed. More than $1,200 in Chinese currency is needed for $1,000 in military notes, they say. There is one shop which may accept an exchange of $5, but the exchange rate is $1.25 for a $1 military note. Judging from these rates, the men at the Szechuen Road bridge are making a profit ranging between five and seven cents for each dollar exchanged.

These small exchange men, numbering about 50, are admittedly organized with someone possessing more financial power behind them, but they will not disclose the name of the man behind them. They have been operating for many months, but of late they have become more active since more military notes are needed by travellers. They have military cent notes for exchange, too. In purchasing railway tickets, these military notes must be used, but it is admitted that in the interior people are reluctant to use them at a loss when buying goods in Chinese shops. They also warn people against using the notes in areas occupied by guerillas.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

New Exchange Business in Full Swing

Since the Japanese have insisted on the use of military notes in areas which are under their control, travelling exchange agents, probably controlled by some mysterious figurehead have appeared on all bridges over Soochow Creek, where they change Chinese National dollars in possession of people going into the interior into military notes, which are the only ones allowed to be used. Naturally the person whose National dollars are changed suffers a loss.

Tokyo Goodwill Plane Returning Today

Yamato Leaves Thailand; Arrives in Hanoi

Bangkok, Dec. 11.

The Japanese goodwill plane Yamato left here at 8.05 o'clock this morning, Bangkok time, on the first leg of its flight home. The plane will make stops at Hanoi, Canton, Taihoku and Fukuoka, arriving at the Haneda Airport in Tokyo on Saturday.

Aboard the plane will be Mr. Takeo Okubo, chief of the International Affairs Section of the Aviation Bureau of the Ministry of Communications, and Mr. Takeo Saito, vice-president of the Japan Airways Company.

The flight to Bangkok was made to commemorate the change of the country's name from Siam to Thailand. After the plane arrived in Bangkok an air pact between Japan and Thailand was signed for the establishment of a regular air service between Bangkok and Tokyo.—Domei.

Goodwill Plane Lands in Hanoi

Hanoi, Dec. 11.

Completing the first stretch of its homeward flight on schedule, the Japanese goodwill plane Yamato arrived here from Bangkok at noon today.

The craft received an enthusiastic reception from more than 100 Japanese residents, including many school children. As pre-arranged the plane will stay here three days, during which time Mr. Takeo Okubo, Chief of the International Affairs Section of the Aviation Bureau of the Ministry of Communications, and other members of the goodwill party will exchange greetings with Indo-China authorities and negotiate with officials of Air France regarding projected regular air service between Japan and Thai by way of Hanoi.—Domei.

Big Welcome Planned For Burmese Mission

Chungking, Dec. 11.

Burma's Goodwill Mission is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow. Chinese public bodies, including the Chinese League of Nations Union, the China Branch of the International Peace Campaign and the Chinese Peoples Foreign Relations Association are sponsoring a big welcome meeting tomorrow.

The Mission will be met at the airfield by a big delegation of representatives of various Chinese public bodies.—Reuter.

"The Times" on Finnish Issue Before League

Collective Action Against Aggressor Recommended

London, Dec. 10.

"The ideal course would be for all the members of the League of Nations to decide to take up arms together if any of them were attacked by Soviet Russia, Germany or any other State," declares "The Times" in an editorial today, discussing the Soviet-Finnish issue before the League Assembly. The present war, the newspaper says, would then end swiftly, but that ideal is unlikely to be reached.

"The Times" enumerates the difficulties of the smaller countries and adds: "The responsibility rests with Great Britain and France who are deeply concerned over the survival of the small nations, and are already in a state of war.

"Great Britain and France have undertaken so large a task already that it would be clearly unwise to dissipate their efforts to such an extent as to interfere with their main strategic plan. It would be folly to go to war with a country stretching from the Baltic to he Behring Sea, but Russia, according to her own account, is not warring with Finland. There is much, therefore, short of declaring war that can and must be done by other countries to help Finland. So magnificently are the Finns fighting that only a small diversion of British and French resources should ensure their triumph in the air, and consequently the triumph of their defence. If Finland is to be saved, she must be saved now."—Reuter.

Transfer of U.S. Ships Recommended

President of United States Lines Gives Views

New York, Dec. 11.

The transfer of eight out of date ships belonging to the United States Lines to either a Canadian, Belgian, British, or Irish concern was advocated in a letter sent by President John Franklin of the U.S. Lines to Mr. Emery Land, President of the Maritime Commission.

The U.S. Lines recently withdrew its request for the transfer of nine ships to a Canadian concern.

In his letter, Mr. Franklin stressed that the United States has spent about $75,000,000 to develop American maritime transports in the North Atlantic, and declared that his suggestion constituted the best way in which American interests in these routes would be maintained till the end of the European conflict. He added that by flying a foreign flag, these ships could go to belligerent ports banned by the Neutrality Act.

Mr. Franklin's suggestions included the sale of vessels to foreign interests, the transfer of eight obsolete ships to a foreign country, and the abandoning of the North Atlantic to foreign concerns.

He stressed that with the arrival today of the ship American Merchant there is no other ship belonging to the U.S. Lines in the North Atlantic.—Havas.

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek Assumes New Post

Sworn in As President Of Executive Yuan

Chungking, Dec. 11.

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance, were this morning formally inducted into their concurrent posts as President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Executive Yuan.

It is recalled that following the conclusion of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, it was officially announced that Gen. Chiang Kai-shek was appointed President of the Executive Yuan, replacing Dr. H. H. Kung, "for the purpose of unifying the country's political, party and military administrations under him."

At the same time, it was also announced that this would enable Dr. H. H. Kung to devote more time and attention to the country's financial affairs. Dr. Kung was appointed Vice-President of the Executive Yuan in place of Gen. Chang Chun, who had resigned.

Mr. Wu Tze-hui, elder statesman and veteran Kuomintang leader, administered the oath at an impressive ceremony here this morning.

The new Mayor of the Chungking Special Municipality, Dr. Wu Kuocheng, assumed office this morning.—Reuter.

German Internal Weakness

Financial System Under Heavy Strain Despite Raids on Austrian and Czechoslovakian Banks

By R. W. B. Clarke

EVEN before war broke out, there were ominous signs of strain in the German financial system. The Nazi leaders have always been chary of publishing statistics about the nation's financial affairs, but even the figures which they were willing to release showed the reality of the strain.

The note circulation had increased by one-third from autumn 1938 to summer 1939, an increase which was certainly in part inflationary.

Even after the successful raids on the Austrian and Czechoslovakian Banks, there was an acute lack of gold and foreign assets. The rates of taxation had been increased to such an extent that business men were openly complaining and the workers grumbling. The Government loans had been so unsuccessful that the Government had been forced to announce that it did not propose to issue any more. Prices of commodities were rigorously pegged, but the quality was falling fast, and what was in effect a concealed inflation was in progress.

Changes in Personnel

Even more significant were the changes which had been taking place in Nazi personnel. The redoubtable Dr. Schacht vanished from the Governmental scene, and it was credibly rumoured that he was entirely out of sympathy with the Nazis' financial policy.

There was the strange incident of the Cologne speech of Dr. Brinkmann, Dr. Schacht's successor, in which he declared to a private audience that "the Treasury is empty", an incident which culminated in the "nervous breakdown" of Dr. Brinkmann, and his removal to a "nursing home."

Even before the war, indeed, there was ample evidence of strain and difficulty. The tremendous increase in Government activity and the tremendous Treasury deficit were causing the more intelligent of the Nazi leaders great concern. It was an open secret that the leadership was hopelessly divided, and that energetic reforms were needed.

The outbreak of war made a bad matter worse. Already after a short spell of war new troubles are accumulating, and the signs of inflation become more and more plain.

The nature of the problem is evident. The Budget deficit is increasing fast. There are only four ways in which it can be covered. The first is by increasing taxation. This has already been done. The income tax has been increased by 50 per cent,—with a maximum of 65 per cent. and the tax on wages has been substantially increased.

Limit to Taxation

Secretary of State Reinhardt has estimated that these increases will raise revenue by one-third. Such estimate appears to be optimistic, and in any case even this increase of revenue would not be enough. There is a limit to which taxation can be raised, and the Nazis appear to have reached it.

The second method is the method of loan—the British Government is adopting a mixture of the first and second methods. But here the Nazis are in serious difficulty for the German public shows no willingness to invest its meagre savings in Government bonds. At the beginning of the war, indeed, the German leaders asserted that they would not approach the public for loans at all, but the latest reports suggest that this initial plan has now been changed.

The loans will in any case yield little, for the German investor has little confidence in Government securities. So the Nazis will be forced towards the third alternative, the commandeering of private property.

Inflationary Pressure

The last way out of the financial difficulties is inflation. The Budget can be balanced simply by printing banknotes. As we have seen, in the course of the last year, this method has been adopted to a limited extent. If the Reichsbank suddenly stops publishing its weekly return, then we shall know that the Nazi authorities have decided that that is the only way out of their difficulties. The dangers of this method are evident, for no controls of prices, however stringent, can resist inflationary pressure.

Concealed inflationary methods can be adopted, such as the further reduction of the quality of consumers' goods at the same prices, or the tacit toleration of "premiums" over the official price. Moreover, the Government may inflate by hidden devices, such as the plan last March by which the Government was allowed to pay for two-fifths of its contracts in tax certificates instead of cash.

But these concealed methods of inflation are bound to be publicly noticed sooner or later. The consumer is already seriously perturbed by the reduction in quality, and the pressure upon the "maximum prices" is shown by the constant flow of cases in which shopkeepers are heavily fined for raising prices. The plan for payment in tax certificates has already broken down, for industrialists have no confidence in the tax certificates, so that their market value has fallen to 94 per cent. of their face value.

All this means that the position is potentially highly inflationary and is full of danger for the Nazi authorities. In other countries, some increase in prices will be tolerated by the public, for there is general confidence in the currency. But in Germany, the man-in-the-street fears inflation more than anything else.

The German public remembers the appalling catastrophe of 1923, when the mark was quoted at thousands of milliards to the pound.

In the first week of war, there were signs in Germany of flight from the mark and wild purchases of pictures, furniture and durable commodities of all kinds.

Germany in Dilemma

The Gestapo can stop this up to a point. If the German citizen loses confidence in the currency, and if open signs of inflation appear, then no regimentation can prevent panic. This is the Nazis' fear. They are in a dilemma. Either they must increase taxation, which is already oppressively high. Or they must confiscate property all over the Reich. Or they must proceed to openly inflationary measures.

These alternatives are equally objectionable and are politically dangerous. Confronted by them, the authorities will assuredly wriggle ingeniously. Their power to control the system is very great, and from 1933 onwards they have displayed great ingenuity in their handling of difficult financial positions. But each time one financial hurdle has been successfully overcome, the next is conespondingly more difficult.

To say that the German economic structure is on the verge of collapse would be premature. But the Nazis are assuredly facing the gravest difficulties, and whatever they do will open the door to further difficulties for the German financial structure and the Nazi régime.

Columbia's "U-Boat 29" with Conrad Veidt and Valerie Hobson in the leads, deals with international sabotage and espionage in the British navy, calls for submarines, destroyers, and a ferry boat.

Germany 'Protects' Neutral Shipping

"Sink at Sight" Policy Involves Contrast to H.M. Navy's Procedure

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Among the various benevolent roles assumed at different times by the German Government—defender of European civilization against the Bolshevik menace, liberator of oppressed nationalities, champion of German minorities in, for instance, the Tyrol and Baltic States—has been that of neutrals' friend.

Neutral shipping, it has been contended, subjected to unwarrantable interference by the British blockade, might confidently rely on Germany's protection; in contrast with the malignant British Navy, German U-boats were inspired by a spirit of Rotarian benevolence. Service was their motto, and if an opportunity occurred to help a lame ship over a stile, none were more pleased than they.

Experience since the outbreak of hostilities has scarcely borne out this contention.

Where the British blockade has involved neutral vessels being delayed, and deprived of specified contraband in transit to Germany, the German procedure has been to sink at sight neutral shipping bound for British ports, without any attempt to investigate the nature of the cargo carried, or even, in many cases, to facilitate the crew's escape.

A pedestrian may resent being held up when he wants to cross the street, but would still more resent being run over by a passing motor car. Of the two alternatives, the former is universally preferred.

Britain's Economic War

"Britain's economic war against the Reich," the Berliner "Nachtausgabe" recently announced, "has forced Germany to become the protector of the freedom of neutral countries." How this "protection" operates in practice is indicated by the following examples.

On October 1 the Belgian steamer, Suzon, was sunk by a German submarine. The captain and crew took to the boats, and some time later were picked up by a British destroyer. When they arrived in Brest they stated that they were fired on without warning, the first shell being a miss, the second carrying away the wireless apparatus.

The day before, the Danish steamer, Vendia, was sunk by a German submarine off the Scaw, the northernmost point of Denmark. Another Danish ship, the Svava, was near-by when the attack took place.

The captain reported that, after "an enormous explosion" amidships, the Vendia broke in two, the stern half sinking in a few minutes while the fore half was still floating.

"Only a Few Seconds"

A warning shot was fired, but according to the Vendia's survivors, "there were only a few seconds between the warning and the sinking."

Eleven lives were lost; and the captain of the Svava, when he arrived on the scene in a lifeboat to pick up survivors, was told by the German submarine commander that "not a word must be mentioned of the sinking until we reach port, otherwise we would not reach port at all."

This attack was justified in a German Admiralty statement, on the ground that "the Vendia attempted to ram the submarine, and is therefore, guilty of a hostile action." In fact, the statement continued, the Vendia's procedure "amounted to piracy, and the crew, who acted against international law, really ought to be placed before a court-martial."

On September 29, the Norwegian mercantile fleet lost three steamers, two sunk by submarines and one by a mine explosion; on October 16, a Greek ship was sunk in the Atlantic, two lives being lost; on October 7, a Dutch steamer, the Binnendijk, suffered a like fate, and on September 8, the Finnish barque, Clivebank.

"Protected" by Germany

It will thus be seen that, as far as the smaller neutral States are concerned, being "protected" by Germany has involved them in a considerable loss of tonnage, as well as of a number of lives. In addition, their nationals have been subjected to indignities which would come ill from an enemy, but from a protector are inconceivable.

There is, for instance, the case of Captain Persson, of the Swedish steamer, Gun, which was sunk by the same U-boat that sank the Vendia.

The submarine commander, Captain Persson has declared, "in a most excited manner" accused him of trying to ram the U-boat. When Captain Persson denied this allegation, the submarine commander accused him of having false papers, which showed that his cargo was destined for Antwerp whereas in reality he was bound for England, then, when Allied warships and aeroplanes were seen to be approaching, of having sent a wireless warning, though the Gun carried no wireless transmitter.

Finally, an attempt was made to force Captain Persson to sign a statement to the effect that the Gun was proceeding to England; when he refused to do this, he was forced to sign another statement that he was bound for Belgium with, a cargo of piece goods (as, indeed, he was), but leaving some six inches above his signature, thus providing the possibility of the document being later falsified.

(In dealing with recalcitrant elements in Germany, the German Government sometimes adopts the procedure of "protective custody.")

Liberty, it is implied, would be hazardous for the individual concerned, and the Gestapo, in the kindness of its heart, puts him in a concentration camp to save him from molestation. Pastor Niemöller was treated in this way.

In "protecting" neutral shipping, the German Government employs a rather similar technique, ships are sunk, or taken to German ports and detained there indefinitely, for their own good. If they were left to sail the seas, they might come to some harm.

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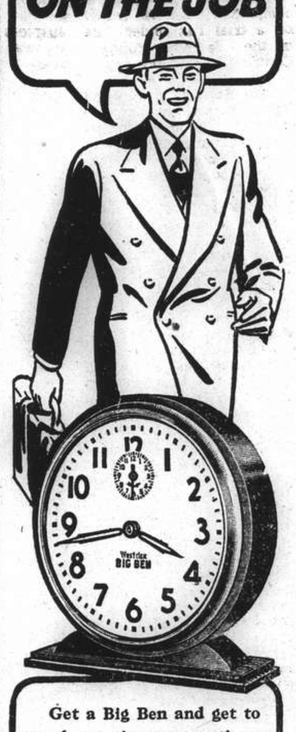
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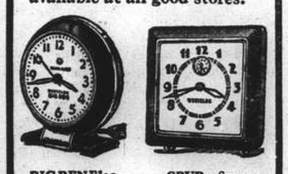
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FROM DAY TO DAY

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Burn, left for Hankow in the Shinyu Maru this morning.

The meeting of the Union Church Women's Guild will be held this afternoon. A musical programme has been arranged.

The American Consulate General at Shanghai will appreciate the receipt of information as to the present whereabouts of Mr. R. Brandt, an American citizen reported to be residing in Shanghai.

The American Consulate General at Shanghai will appreciate the receipt of information as to the present whereabouts of Mr. F. G. Downey, an American citizen reported to be residing in Shanghai.

A meeting of the Shanghai Art Collectors Society will be held at 804 Grosvenor House, home of Miss Katherine Collins, at 5.30 p.m. on December 18. Mr. Karl Hill will lecture on Chinese Custom, Food, etc.

The National Refugee Relief Commission has voted a grant of $40,000 for the Szechuen Provincial Government to undertake relief measures among the large number of war orphans in Chengtu upon personal instructions from General Chiang Chiang Kai-shek, says a Chengtu Chinese message to the "Shun Pao."

The ss. President Quezon, formerly the President Madison, sailed from Seattle on Sunday for Manila via Vancouver, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Hongkong on her maiden voyage for the Philippine Mail Line. The ship, commanded by Captain J. C. Onrubia, is carrying general cargo.

Y's Men's Club of Shanghai is giving a public lecture on soya bean milk this noon at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., 123 Boulevard Montigny. Drs. W. S. Fu, Ernest Tso and H. C. Hou will jointly speak on "A symposium on soya bean milk in infant feeding" in English. The meeting will start at 12.15 o'clock.

The people in Kansu have so far contributed $210,000 towards the Chinese Soldiers Winter Garment Fund, states a Lanchow Chinese message to the "Shun Pao." They have exceeded their aim of purchasing 100,000 sets of winter clothes but are continuing the campaign, the report adds.

The Jewish Refugee Choir will render a modern presentation of a classical Chinese composition at the lecture on "Refined Chinese music and its contribution" to be given at the Foreign "Y" at 9 p.m. tonight by Mr. J. H. Levis. Mr. Mor Porge, the Hungarian cellist, will render a selection of classical Chinese music arranged for piano and cello.

The 916-kilometre Szechuen-Yunnan highway is expected to be formally inaugurated for passenger and freight services with a total of 100 motor trucks in the early part of next Spring, says a Chinese report to the "Chinese American Daily News." The highway is fast nearing completion and 36 trucks are now on a trial run under the auspices of the Szechuen-Yunnan Highway Control Bureau, the report states.

The Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight December 9, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement were—Foreigners 22 and Chinese 664. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, Tuberculosis 3 and Typhoid Fever 1. Chinese, Tuberculosis 40; Typhoid Fever 36; Dysentery 10; Beri-beri 4; Diptheria 2 and Influenza 1.

The health report of the French Municipality for the week ending December 9, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession were—Foreigners 5 and Chinese 227. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Chinese, Tuberculosis 32; Dysentery 4; Cerebrospinal Meningitis 4; Typhoid Fever and Paratyphoid Fever 3; Pneumonia 2; Beri-beri 2 and Diphtheria and March Fever 1 each.

Finland's saddest Independence Day was celebrated in London at the Finnish Ministry at Stepney on Sunday afternoon, when Finns gathered from all over the metropolis. Girls in multicoloured national dresses welcomed M. Gripenberg, the Finnish Minister, who said that everything possible had been done to avoid war by Finland, but while prepared to make concessions, they could not give up the right to live as free men and women.

A reception in honour of the Goodwill Mission from Burma will be held in Chungking on December 13, under the joint auspices of various Chinese public bodies in Chungking, says a Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao." Dr. Chu Chia-hwa, Minister of Organization of the Central Kuomintang, will preside at the reception. The Burmese Goodwill Mission to China is expected to arrive in Chungking today, the report concludes.

The establishment of public health stations in various villages of North Hunan is now being planned by the Provincial Government, says a Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao." Results of the plague-prevention work that has been carried out in North Hunan are said to be most satisfactory, and in view of the important nature of the task the provincial authorities are training more public health workers with a view to erecting health stations and sub-stations in all districts of the province, the report concludes.

It is of interest to all those who practice photography as a hobby or a profession to learn that at the first All-China Exhibition of pictorial photography, held in Hongkong, the Shanghai Camera Club was well represented. Mr. R. E. Manley had three prints hung, Mr. J. C. Jenkins four, Mr. W. Wagner one, and Mr. Sam B. Tata two, making a total of ten. One hundred prints were exhibited and of these fifty representing pictorial photography in China have been chosen to be sent to the Royal Photographic Society in London early in 1940. In this group to be sent to London, will be included two pictures by Mr. Manley, and one each by Messrs. Jenkins, Wagner and Tata.

Rental Action in High Court

Foreigner's Case Against Peter K. C. Li Reversed by Kiangsu Appeal Body

The Third Branch Kiangsu High Court passed judgment on November 21 reversing the original decree by the Second Special District Court and dismissed the action filed by J. S. Chisholm of 433 Avenue Haig as the appellee in a rental dispute with his landlord, Peter K.C. Li, in which the foreign tenant claimed, *inter alia*, a declaration that the lease could not be terminated.

The judge held that the lease entered into between the parties stipulated a definite term although it was mentioned in one clause that it could be terminated at any time, "but the party terminating the lease shall give one month's notice in writing to the other party." It was ruled that such provisions are quite compatible with the Civil Code and that the appellee's contention that the lease should be taken as one for an indefinite term could not be regarded as well grounded.

Lease Termination

The appellee was given notice on June 26 terminating the lease and received one month's notice. As the appellant's termination of the lease was done according to Article 6A of the lease and was quite compatible with Article 450 in the Civil Code the appellee's action for a declaration of non-termination of the lease was not well grounded, although the appellant's motive for the termination of the lease, as alleged by the appellee, was dissatisfaction caused by the failure of his demand for an increase in rent.

It was pointed out by the High Court that since the lease entered into between the parties clearly stipulated that the monthly rent was $185 and the legal relation between the parties was therefore by no means uncertain the appellee suffered no danger of injury to his interests arising from uncertainty of the legal relation between the parties which should be warded off immediately by a judgment of declaration.

It was further pointed out that the legal relation in this case is certain with the appellant terminating the lease and offering to renew it by asking for a rent of U.S.$35. The offer in question has now no binding force on account of the appellee's rejection of it.

The full text of the judgment will appear in the next issue of the "North-China Herald."

"Black Eats Black" in District Court

Female Narcotics Dealer And Robber Charged

An interesting case termed by the Chinese as, "black eats black," meaning criminals victimized by criminals was referred to in the First Special District Court yesterday when a Chinese woman morphine dealer and a robber who is said to have taken from her 37 bags of the drug on Saturday night were brought before the tribunal and charged with selling narcotics and armed robbery, respectively. Hearing was postponed for one week.

The hold-up was staged at the home of the accused woman, Ho Chen-sze, at House 18 Lane 134 Thorburn Road at about 6.30 p.m., when two men one of whom was armed with an imitation gun broke in through a side door. One of them snatched the drug from a drawer and was about to escape when the woman raised an alarm. The robber threw away his imitation gun which has not yet been recovered by the police and the woman took up the chase.

A Sikh police constable soon arrived at the scene of trouble and caught the fleeing man on whose person he found the stolen contraband. The woman's home was raided later by the officers and she was also arrested. She pleaded guilty yesterday explaining that she had been doing the business for some months during which she was supplied by a Korean. The robber said that he knew that the woman was engaged in illicit trade and decided to take away the poisonous goods from her. He denied that he had an accomplice.

Formal Opening of Roxy Theatre

"Babes in Arms" to Be Screened Tonight

The new Roxy Theatre, 742 Bubbling Well Road, which makes its formal bow to Shanghai's cinema public tonight with the MGM production, "Babes in Arms," starring Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland, was host last night to more than 1,000 invited guests to a special pre-view of the same picture. Numbered among those attending were military, consular and civic officials, of the International Settlement and the French Concession as well as those interested in the industry.

On Sunday night, the management and MGM were hosts to newspapermen at a buffet dinner, after which Greta Garbo's "Ninotchka" was screened.

The following telegram was received yesterday from the MGM lot in Culver City, California:—

Roxy Theatre, Shanghai; all the Babes in Arms and their elders send hearties congratulations on the premiere of the beautiful new Roxy and friendly greetings to its patrons.—Judy Garland, Mickey Rooney, June Preisser, Betty Jaynes, Douglas Mcphail, Charles Winninger, Grace Hayes, and Guy Kibbee.

Japanese Midwives in Shanghai Organize

Prospects for bigger and better babies among Shanghai Japanese were heightened as more than 40 midwives gathered at the Totote Restaurant on Woochang Road at 6 o'clock on Sunday evening to organize the Shanghai Japanese Midwives' Society. Directors of various Japanese hospitals in Shanghai were guests.

Mr. Uhachiro Shimizu, head of the hospital which bears his name, was elected president of the society, while Mr. Shozo Takayama, of the Fooming Hospital was chosen vice-president.

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Symphonic poem "The Fountains of Rome" .....Respighi
Symphonic suite "The Firebird" Stravinsky

This programme, given at the Lyceum on Sunday, is a rather more weighty one than the orchestra is accustomed to present. None of the works comprising it can be described as "miniatures": they are in one way or another important, large-scale compositions and yet the audience's reaction to this programme was just as enthusiastic as it has been at any concert. This indication that "light-relief" is no longer a necessary ingredient is very welcome and it is hoped that the result will be a greater proportion of such really worth-while programmes.

The performance was not the best the orchestra is capable of but much was excusable because Professor Foa had to take over the conductorship at short notice. He announced that Maestro Paci had met with an accident. There was often during the playing a noticeable time-lag on the part of the brasses and wood-wind and this easily upset the rhythm of parts of the symphony. Certain entries of the strings, particularly the violins, showed a divergence of opinion about the pitch. And the balance between the different sections of the orchestra was occasionally faulty with the result that leading phrases were obscured by what should have been a harmonic background.

These lapses were more unfortunate in the Brahms than in the rest of the programme for in a Brahms symphony structure is almost everything and an ideal performance demands extreme precision. The Respighi fared best of all and, indeed, was very satisfying.—C.

"Dithyrambics" to be Given on Friday

Younger Set's Effort to Help B.W.A. Work Fund.

Excitement is in the air for all the Shanghai younger set are determined to give Shanghailanders a real good time on Friday night when they present "Dithyrambics" at the Lyceum Theatre at 9 p.m. Miss Georgina Fuller is the producer and the entire proceeds are to be used for the B. W. A. War Work Fund. Sir Archibald and Lady Clark Kerr have kindly consented to be the patrons for that evening.

Mrs. Arnhold-Jones, who is the present musical director for the B. W. A., is producing the opening number and the audience is requested to bring along their best, singing voices as they are expected to join in the singing. Bandsman W. Aitken, of the Seaforth Highlanders is to add to the musical part of the programme by playing the vilbraphone. Music lovers will be delighted with the selections played on this instrument.

Those in love and wish to propose and are either bashful about it or don't know how, should make a point of attending "Dithyrambics" and all their troubles regarding such an important occurrence in their lives will be over as Elsie Waelti, Vivien Gatton, Joyce Huxley, Ronald Fraser Tom Smith, and Cyril Catley will show three different way of proposing.

There will be a change in the Girl Guides number as owing to unavoidable circumstances the 1st Company Girl Guides of the Girls' Cathedral School are unable to perform the item which had been specially prepared by them for "Dithyrambics." However, representatives from the 4th, 5th, and 9th Companies will present a Camp Fire sing song. Miss Gordon is in charge of this section of the programme and will be assisted by Guide Captains, Mrs. Mant and Mrs. Fredericks. There is only one performance and all those concerned in "Dithyrambics" are working extremely hard to give a good time. Booking is at Moutrie's or the Lyceum.

Last New Year Mail for Home Today

Post Still Operating Via Siberia

Foreign and Chinese residents in Shanghai who wish their relatives and friends in Europe to receive their Christmas and New Year cards before the year ends, must mail their greetings today, at the latest. Inquiries made with the Post Office here revealed yesterday that greeting cards destined for Great Britain and France via the Suez and Pacific would reach their destination only next year, but that if "via Siberia" is mentioned on the envelopes, there would be a good chance for the cards to reach there on time.

There are only two opportunities to catch the Tientsin mail train now. Shanghai mail reaching Tientsin before December 14 will leave that port on that day and then, if nothing unexpected happens, it will reach Moscow on December 24, London, on December 21 and Paris, on January 3. Another mail train will leave Tientsin on December 17, Sunday, reaching Moscow on December 27. This latter train will therefore not help Shanghailanders if they want their Christmas and New Year mail to reach Europe on time.

"Wall Newspaper" Seen In Western District

New Regime Takes Leaf Out of Communist Book

Stealing a page from the book of propaganda of their avowed enemies, the Communists, adherents of the Peace and National Salvation movement, sponsored by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, have resorted to the use of "wall newspapers" in the Western district of Shanghai, according to the "Tairiku Shimpo" yesterday.

Clusters of interested Chinese, the Japanese daily said, could be seen on Sunday on various thoroughfares reading a printed sheet affixed to a wall. On the right hand corner was the beaming effigy of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the father of the Chinese republic, familiar to all who use postage stamps.

The newspapers reported in detail the establishment on Saturday of the Central Military Academy, quoting the addresses given by Mr. Wang and others on the occasion.

Soviet "Sincerity" Questioned

Japan Doubtful About Renewal of Fishery Pact; Moscow Answer Awaited

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

The Soviet Union's sincerity in desiring a settlement of the fishery controversy was questioned today in governmental and civic circles as the third week elapsed without any Soviet action towards a settlement.

A Foreign Office spokesman, meantime, urged that "impatience" should not be shown, despite the fact that Japan had waited several weeks for a Soviet reply to the proposed opening of negotiations.

Nevertheless, observers here pointed out that Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Minister of Foreign Affairs, notified M. Constantin Smetanin, Soviet Ambassador to Japan, on November 15 that Japan desired an early opening of negotiations on the fishing question. He reiterated the Japanese Government's desires on November 28. At the last conference, M. Smetanin said that he was not authorized to act because he had not received instructions from Moscow. He stated that he would make an effort to obtain his instructions as soon as possible.

Moscow Dilatory

In addition, it was pointed out, Mr Shigenori Togo, Japanese Minister in Moscow, has approached M. Viacheslav Molotov, Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, several times on the matter, but the latter had not given a satisfactory answer to date.

The Soviet-Japanese modus-vivendi on fishery is scheduled to expire on December 31.

Commenting on the lack of Russian action, the "Asahi Shimbun" chain of newspapers said that because of the Soviet's failure to take any action, Japanese-Soviet Union relations had become worse since the conclusion of the Nomonhan conflict.

The papers added that the Japanese Government attached great importance to the settlement of the fishery questions, especially since the treaty between the two nations expires at the end of this year and the problem must be settled before other existing questions between the two countries can be taken up.—Domei.

Thief Sports Local Police

Money Thrown Under Safe in Charge Room Search

Detectives attached to a certain police station in the International Settlement were chagrined, to say the least, when early on Sunday morning they raided an address in the French Concession to recover $200, which had been stolen, only to ascertain some hours later that the money was under the safe in the charge-room.

They had arrested and brought their suspect to the charge-room and the usual formalities were pursued. On being searched officers found the inconsequentional sum of $20 on his person. Upon his information they proceeded to the address in the French Concession and thoroughly ransacked the premises. Giving up their search, they returned to the station, non plussed.

Questioned at greater length on Sunday morning, the culprit admitted that while he was about to be searched in the charge-room, he had tossed the folded bills under the safe. Investigation revealed the truth. A detective picked up $100 and a uniformed man the balance.

Apparently by bamboo wireless, the coolie whose duty it is to sweep the charge-room, learned of having missed the money. Likewise having lost so much face, he did not put in an appearance at the station on Sunday.

Chita Conference Holds Second Meeting

Agenda Settled at Talks On Mongol Border

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Procedure for the Outer Mongolian-Manchoukuo border demarcation conference was decided at the second session of conference delegates at Chita on Saturday, the Japanese Foreign Office announced today.

Japanese, Manchoukuo, Outer Mongolian and Soviet Union delegates are attending the conference. Mr Kanichiro Kubota, Japanese representative, was chairman at the second session which was held between 11 o'clock on Saturday morning and 6 o'clock on Saturday night, the Foreign Office announcement said.—Domei.

Chita Commission Meeting Today

Moscow, Dec. 11.

The third sitting of the Mongolian-Manchukuoan boundary commission will open at Chita today. The second meeting was held December 9 under the chairmanship of a Japanese delegate, Tass announced.—United Press.

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Nantao Area Opened By Authorities

Concession Officials Grant Five Days Test

One of the iron gates separating the French Concession from Nantao which has been closed since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities was re-opened yesterday to traffic thus making it much more convenient for former Nantao residents to return to their homes and also to rehabilitate the Native City which was partially destroyed by the war. Many Chinese re-entered Nantao yesterday through this gate and many others were seen entering into the Concession.

The gate is know as the Hsing Kai Ho near the Small East Gate in Nantao and Rue des deux Republiques in the Concession. Before the gate was re-opened people had to travel to Nantao via Pootung or the Western District. Whether or not the gate will permanently remain open remains to be seen, but it was reported last night that authorities in the Concession had decided to re-open it for five days only as an experiment.

With both French and Chinese police on hand in their respective areas those entering Nantao were required to show their good citizen certificates issued by the Japanese. Formerly, it required also a French Concession pass but commencing yesterday the latter passes might be discarded. While many people, now refugees in foreign areas, want to return to Nantao to visit their houses it is repored that many are looking for chances for establishing gambling houses there.

It will be recalled that Mayor Fu Siao-en of the new Chinese régime in Kiangwan has requested the authorities in the Concession to re-open the iron gates in order to develop Nantao but it could not be ascertained yesterday whether or not the action taken by the French authorities was in accordance with that request.

Bomb Found in Nazi Ship from Riga

Vessel Had Left for Reich With German Balts

Riga, Dec. 11.

The discovery of an incendiary bomb on board caused the surprise return to Riga today of the German vessel Dierra Cordoba (11,500 tons) which had left this port for Germany yesterday with 1,200 German Balts.

The captain's statement on the bomb resulted in an investigation being carried out by the Latvian authorities, which did not yield any results. Later, the captain said the bomb had been destroyed and added that he would present irrefutable proof of its presence in the vessel.—Havas.

Chinese Educator in Japan for Tour

Said to Be Pro-Wang Ching-Wei in Sympathies

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Mr. Chiang Kang-hu, former Professor at McGill University in Canada and a famous Chinese educator, arrived here today. Mr. Chen Shao, his secretary, accompanied him. Mr. Chiang is assisting Mr. Wang Ching-wei in the establishment of a "new order in East Asia."

He was a member of the faculty at McGill University from 1930 to 1935.

Mr. Chiang is a native of Shangho, Kiangsi province. In addition to a master of arts degree, he holds an honorary degree of literature from the University of California. After receiving the degree of literature in 1913, he served as a Professor of Chinese subjects at that institution until 1920.

In 1912 he founded and was a leader of the Social-Democratic Party of China.

A Confucian scholar, Mr. Chiang became a consultant in Chinese at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. in 1930. In 1935, with Shanghai his headquarters, he promoted the Association of Chinese and Foreign Cultural Relations.—Domei.

German Short Term Debts in U.S.

Agreement Permits Credits To Finance Exports

New York, Dec. 11.

An agreement has been reached between representatives of various banks in the United States and a group of delegates sent by German commercial enterprises regarding Germany's short term debts to the United States.

The accord covers a period of seven months starting from November, 1939. Its provisions permit further credits being granted to the Germans, but only to finance the export of American goods to Germany and on the sole condition that such exports do not constitute a violation of the Neutrality Act or any other law in force.

It also provides for interest being paid in U. S. dollars at the usual rates.—Havas.

Political Leader To Start Tour

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Mr. Fusanosuke Kuhara, newly appointed Cabinet Councillor and President of the orthodox faction of the Seiyukai Party, will leave Tokyo tomorrow by plane for a tour of China. He will visit Shanghai, Peiping, Nanking and Tientsin, traveling mostly by air.—Domei.

Japanese Emperor Told Of European Situation

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Emperor Hirohito received Admiral Mineo Osumi, Supreme War Councillor, at the Imperial Palace this afternoon and heard a report on conditions in Europe.

Admiral Osumi returned to Japan on December 2 after visiting France, Italy and Great Britain. The Emperor was told of air raid precautions taken in London.

The Emperor several days ago heard a report on conditions in Europe from General Count Hisaichi Terauchi, Supreme War Councillor, who returned from Europe recently via the United States.—Domei.

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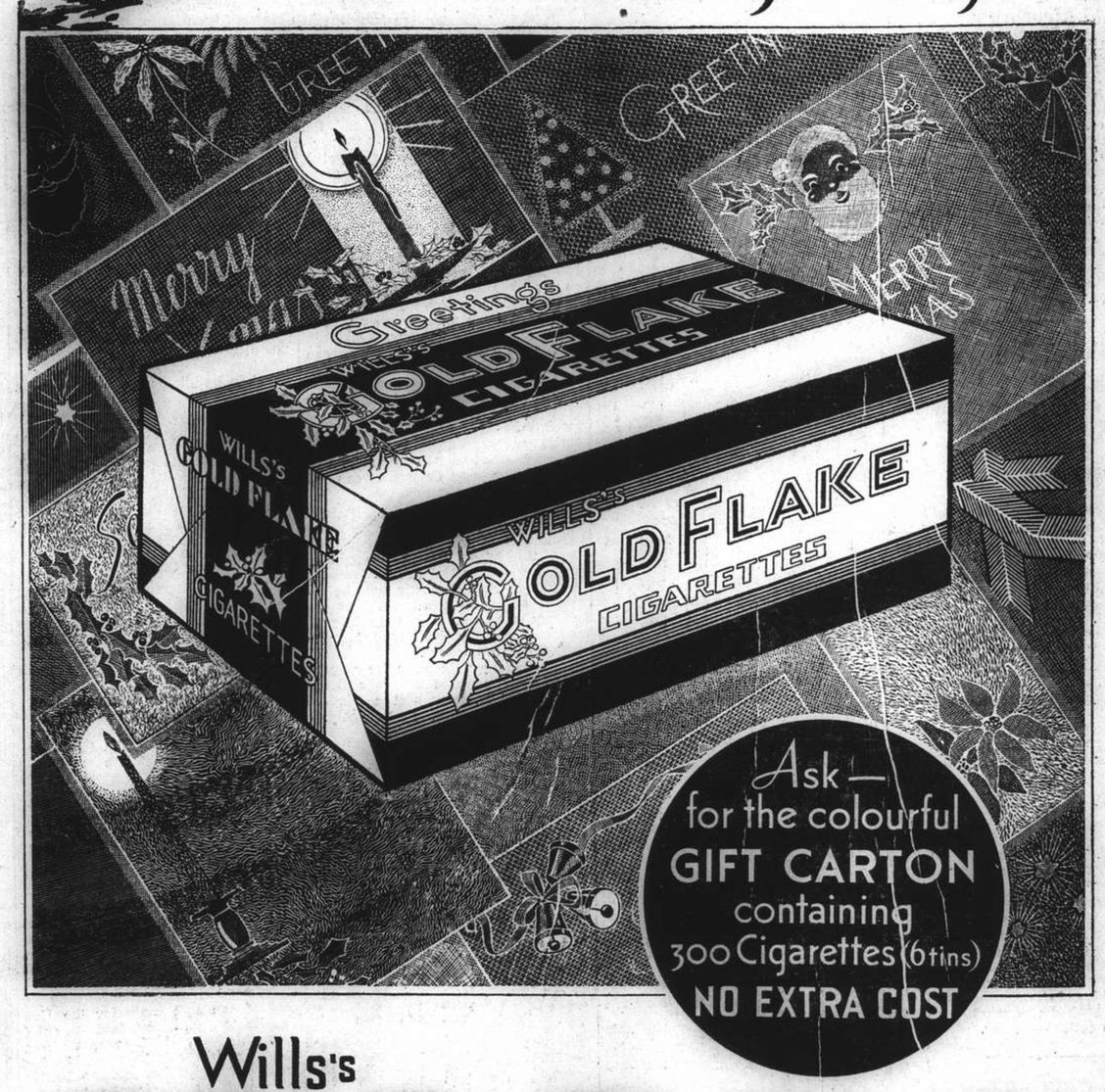

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Money & Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1939

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 7/16d.		$ 54.08
U.S. $100 @ 7 3/16		$1,391.30
Francs	325	$100
Yen	30⅝	100
Guilders	13½	100
Rupees	24⅝	100
Pesos	14⅝	100
Hongkong	$29½	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 9/16d.	$ 52.60
U.S. $100 @ 7 7/16	$1,344.53
London—demand, $1	4 9/16d.
4 months' sight credits	4⅝d.
4 months' sight docts	4 11/16d.
6 months' sight credits	4 11/16d.
6 months' sight docts	4 23/32d.
New York demand, $100=	U.S.$7 7/16
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$7½
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$7⅝

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

£1=U.S. $391¼ U.S. $1=61.342d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ...... 4 23/32d. U.S. $7⅜
Hongkong/London 1/2 21/32

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders	Buying	14¼
Java Guilders	"	14
Netherlands Guilders	Selling	13⅛
Java Guilders	"	13½

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Buying U.S.$100=$1,344.537 £1=$52.602
Selling U.S.$100=$1,379.310 £1=$54.084

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.44=$1 Belgas 23.40=£1

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It. Lire 1.44=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.32½=$1
Tourist Lire 1.59 ....$1

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Sterling	Selling Rate	@ 6d.	per	H.H.$1
"	Buying	@ 6 1/32	"	H.H.$1
U.S.$	Selling	@ 9 13/16	"	H.H.$100
"	Buying	@ 10 3/16	"	H.H.$100

LOCAL DOLLAR (FAPI)

Selling Rate	@ 131	per H.H.$100
Buying	@ 136	" H.H.$100

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	4 23/32	4 21/32
U.S. G$	7 3/16	7 1/8
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

SELLING		BUYING	
Cash		December	
£ T.T.	4½	4 m/s. l.c.	4⅝
G.$ T.T.	7 1/16	4 m/s. l.c.	7½
Fcs. T.T.	329	4 m/s.	345
Rs. T.T.	24⅞	15 d/s.	25⅜

The Local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 7/16 sterling and 7¼ U.S.$.

The Interbank market was moderately steady. Opening with sellers for cash at 4 23/32d. sterling and 7 5/16 U.S.$ there was very little doing during the earlier part of the morning, but towards the noon closing there was some selling and rates improved by approximately 1/64th in sterling and 1/32 in dollars. In the afternoon the market was slightly easier and closed with the sellers at:

4 23/32	sterling	7⅜	U.S.$	Cash
4 23/32	"	7 11/32	"	Dec.
4½	"	7¼	"	Jan.

Ch. Eng. and Mining Co. Annual Meeting

Mr. E. J. Nathan, agent in China of the Chinese Engineering & Mining Co. Ltd., announces that he has received telegraphic advice that the 27th ordinary annual general meeting of that company will be held at the registered offices on Wednesday, December 13, at 11.15 a.m. Owing to the non-receipt of the final accounts of the Kailan Mining Administration for the financial year ended June 30, 1939, the board of directors will not be able to submit their report and accounts for the year 1938/39. Consequently the meeting will be adjourned to a date to be fixed in the New Year.

Provisional Rubber Assessments

Messrs J. A. Wattie & Co., Ltd., announce that they have just been advised of the following provisional standard production assessments for the undernoted Companies:—

	lb.	Increase lb.
Shanghai Malay	757,100	7,100
Batu Anam	528,400	20,400
Senawang	677,000	300

Messrs. A. R. Burkill & Sons, Ltd., announce that the provisional assessment of standard production for 1940 has been assessed as follows:—

	lb.
Tanah Merah Estates (1916), Ltd.	1,327,680

Bombay Cotton Market

Bombay, Dec. 9.

Selling predominated in the Bombay cotton market during the past week. The 11.5 per cent. reduction in the American export subsidy on Thursday failed to stimulate replacement buying in the manner in which such buying has appeared formerly on all recessions.

There has been liquidation, principally on Calcutta accounts, and today more unloading was recorded. The technical position is still heavy, and wide fluctuations are likely. Export business was negligible.

The turnover in spots has broadened on increased domestic mill activity.

A considerable amount of business has been booked through the import of foreign cotton.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Dec. 11.	a.m. Closing Bid Prices		p.m. Closing Bid Prices	
Aloks	.185		.18	
Antamok	.155	S	.10	S
Baguio Gold	.155		.155	
Batong Buhay	.012	S	.012	S
Big Wedge	.215		.22	
Coco Grove	.17	S	.165	S
Consolidated Mines	.0025		.003	S
Demonstration	.09	S	.195	S
East Mindanao	.105	S	.105	S
I. X. L.	.41		.415	
Ipo Gold	.14		.14	
Itogon	.235	S	.235	S
Mambulao Consolidated	.011	S	.013	S
Masbate Consolidated	.105	S	.10	S
Mine Operations	.10	S	.10	S
North Camarines	.15		.155	
Paracale Gumaus	.19		.195	S
San Mauricio	.80	S	.80	S
Surigao Consolidated	.16		.165	S
Suyoc	.14	S	.135	S
Syndicate Investment	.020	S	.020	S
United Paracale	.325	S	.325	S
Mindanao Motherlode	.085		.0875	S

S—Sales.

Turnover for the Morning: 165,400 Pesos.

Shares Index: (Morning Session) 77.79.—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

While the Industrial market remained steady with some prices firmer, it was left to the long-neglected Rubbers to provide the day's sensation. After a steady opening, the volume immediately increased until in the end Industrials were absolutely neglected, while hundreds of thousands of the cheaper Rubber issues changed hands. It must be remembered that the majority of local Rubber shares have been for a long time undervalued; nevertheless, there was a great deal of indiscriminate buying.

A comparison of the opening and closing rates at which business was done is given:—

Anglo-Java	36¾	37¼
Chemor	2.55	2.70
Cheng	0.55	0.60
Consolidated	6.75	7.00
Java Consolidated	4.50	4.80
Kroewoek	2.85	3.00
Langkat	24¾	25¼
Rubber Trust	7.40	7.70
Tanah Merah	3.15	3.25
Tebong	1.30	1.36
Ziangbe	26¼	26¾

Official Averages

1939 High	Low		Today's Averages	Changes
225.75	105.32	General	206.54	+2.53
283.81	95.55	Rubber	281.82	+11.04

Total 841,887 shares, 540 bonds.

Morning Session

Stock	Qty	Price	Qty	Price	Qty	Price
Power 5½% Debs.					2000	87.00
China Realty 8% Tael Debs.					1000	85.25
	9000	85.50				
Telephone 6% Tael Debs					10000	94.25
China Realty 8% Tael Debs					10000	*85.50
I. I. Trust			1000	10.00	500	10.10
	1500	10.20	2500	10.10	500	*10.10
	500	10.20	1000	*10.10	1000	10.10
	4000	10.00	4500	*10.00		
S'hai Loan			3000	10.80	500	10.70
	500	10.50	500	10.40		
Yangtsze Finance			500	9.15	2500	9.20
	500	*9.20	2500	9.15	3000	9.10
Int. Assurance			2300	9.00	1000	8.95
S'hai Land			500	10.70	500	10.80
	500	10.90				
New Eng. (Ord)			1400	19.90	1500	*19.95
	2200	20.00	5000	20.25	700	*20.25
	500	*20.50	1200	20.50	2800	20.25
	100	*20.25	400	*20.00	3100	20.00
	100	20.25	500	20.00	600	*20.25
	400	20.25				
S'hai Dock			50	210.00	100	213.00
	100	214.00	50	215.00		
Wheelock			100	73.00	500	*72.00
	100	72.00	1000	72.50	100	*72.00
	400	72.00	500	71.50	100	72.00
	900	71.50	200	*72.00	500	*72.00
C. G. Omnibus			200	23.00	100	22.75
Telephone			1100	21.75	300	21.50
	100	21.25	500	21.50	1000	21.2
	100	*21.25	100	*21.50	600	21.50
	400	21.25	200	*21.25	2300	21.50
Tram (Bearer) £1					2300	40.00
S. W. W. "A" £20					20	810.00
Metal			100	18.80	700	18.70
	6400	18.80	1200	18.70	400	*18.70
	300	18.60	1500	*18.60	100	*18.70
	100	18.70	400	18.60	200	*18.60
	600	18.70	100	*18.70	400	*18.60
	300	18.60				
Kaiping					400	43.25
Exploration			1000	9.15	1000	*9.25
	3000	9.20				
Power (Pref)			100	125.75	20	126.00
	10	126.25				
Ewo Mills (Ord)			3300	27.00	200	*27.00
	700	27.10	200	27.20	400	*27.10
	400	*27.20	2400	27.20	1300	27.50
	900	27.40	200	27.50	900	27.40
	400	*27.50	300	27.40	200	27.30
	300	27.20	600	*27.30	1400	27.30
	500	27.20	600	27.30	800	*27.20
	1400	27.20	1300	27.30	500	*27.30
	800	27.20	200	*27.20	200	27.10
	100	*27.10				
S'hai Cotton					150	156.00
Alma			300	36.00	300	36.50
Anglo Java			200	36.75	500	37.00
	500	*37.00	200	36.75	100	37.00
	200	*36.75	100	36.75	1900	36.50
Ayer Tawah					1500	6.10
Batu Anam			2000	1.14	1000	1.16
	3000	1.14	9000	1.16	2000	†1.14
	2000	1.16				
Chemor			6000	2.55	1000	*2.55
	1000	2.60	13000	2.65	1000	*2.65
	1000	2.65				
Cheng			2000	0.55	5000	0.58
	1000	0.58	1000	*0.60	1000	0.59
	1000	0.58	4000	*0.58	2000	0.59
	5000	0.60				
Consolidated			500	6.75	1000	*6.95
	1000	6.95				
Dominion					500	9.50
Java Consolidated					3000	*4.55
	1000	4.50	8000	4.60	1000	4.65
	1000	4.60				
Kota			6000	5.00	3000	*5.00
	4000	5.10	1000	*5.10		
Kroewoek			1000	*2.85	4000	2.90
	2000	2.95				
Langkat			1400	24.75	1200	25.00
	100	24.75				
Padang					6000	2.50
Permata					5000	1.20
Repah			1000	1.16	20000	1.18
Rubber Trust			2000	*7.40	500	7.3
	500	7.40	500	7.50	500	*7.45
	500	7.45	1500	7.50	1000	7.45
Samagaga			2000	2.00	5000	2.20
Semambu			1000	1.30	2000	1.3
	2000	1.34	1000	1.36	4000	1.38
	9000	1.49	1000	*1.40		
Senawang			2000	1.40	1000	1.46
	1000	1.40	4000	1.46	1000	1.44
	17000	1.46				
Sua Manggis					1000	2.00
Senawang			1000	*1.46	10000	1.44
	5000	*1.46	3000	1.46	2000	1.44
Kelantan			1000	0.60	1000	0.62
	1000	0.64	6000	0.65	15000	0.68
	4000	0.67	10000	0.68	1000	0.69
	1000	0.70	13000	0.69		
Pahang					3000	4.80
Seremban			1000	2.45	1000	2.50
	1000	2.55	1000	2.60		
Sumatra					100	30.00
Sungala					1000	7.50
Sungei Duri					100	55.00
Tanah Merah			1000	3.15	13000	3.20
	1000	3.22½	3000	3.20		
Tebong			15000	1.30	3000	*1.30
	1000	1.32	2000	*1.30	2000	1.32
	13000	1.34	6000	1.30	4000	1.32
	12000	1.30	2000	1.32	4000	1.30
	2000	1.28	1000	1.30	1000	*1.28
	11000	1.30	5000	1.28	1000	*1.30
Ziangbe					800	26.25

ODD LOTS

Hall & Holtz	12	*15.00
Tanah Merah	500	3.12½
Ewo Mills (Ord)	12	27.10
Kota	500	5.00
Tanah Merah	500	3.17½
Power (Pref)	5	*125.75
Exploration	30	9.2
I. I. Trust	100	10.10
Ewo Mills (Ord)	50	27.60
Consolidated	200	6.75
S'hai Land	150	10.8
Ewo Mills (Ord)	50	27.2
S'hai Land	300	11.00
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Ewo Mills (Ord)			4700	27.20	200	*27.20
	300	27.30				
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	200	*18.80				
Anglo Java			400	36.50	1200	36.75
	1200	37.00	700	37.25	500	37.00
	500	37.25				
Ayer Tawah					500	6.20
Batu Anam			1000	1.20	1000	1.22
Bute			500	8.50	1000	8.75
Chemor			6000	2.65	2000	*2.65
	12000	2.70	2000	*2.70	5000	2.72½
	1000	2.70				
Cheng			4000	0.60	2000	*0.62
	1000	0.65	4000	0.66	2000	0.66
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	500	*7.00				
Dominion					500	*10.00
Java Consolidated					2000	4.65
	3000	4.70	1000	*4.70	8000	4.75
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	2000	4.80				
Kota			2000	5.10	1000	5.15
Kroewoek			9000	2.95	5000	3.00
	1000	*3.00	1000	3.10	5000	3.00
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	100	*25.25				
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	6000	2.50				
Permata			13000	1.20	3000	1.30
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Rubber Trust			2500	7.50	2000	7.60
	6000	7.70				
Samagaga					1000	2.20
Semambu			6000	1.44	2000	*1.42
	2000	*1.44	1000	1.50	3000	*1.46
	3000	1.50	2000	1.52	7000	1.50
	2000	1.40	2000	*1.50		
Senawang			3000	1.46	6000	1.48
	10000	1.50	4000	*1.50	1000	1.52
	10000	1.50				
Kedah					1000	10.70
Kelantan			8000	0.69	25000	0.70
	2000	0.71	5000	0.72	1000	0.70
	3000	0.72	2000	0.74	1000	*0.74
Pahang			3000	*5.00	9000	5.00
Seremban			1000	2.60	2000	2.65
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Tanah Merah			2000	3.20	1000	3.25
	1000	3.22½	2000	*3.22½	3000	*3.25
	15000	3.25				
Tebong			2000	1.30	3000	*1.30
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	3000	1.36	3000	*1.38	1000	1.36
Ziangbe			300	26.25	100	26.50
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Big Chance For British Coal

German Difficulties Open Way for Export Drive; U.S. Interests Active in South America

WAR with Germany and her conquest of Poland has opened up the possibility of rehabilitating Britain's coal export trade, much of which has been lost in recent years to the Germans and the Poles. Coal exporting interests believe that the elimination of German ships from the high seas is Britain's opportunity. Only the Baltic is now open to German ships, while her internal requirements and rail transport difficulties must seriously hamper her overland coal export trade, states the "Financial News."

The more exacting requirements on neutrals which war conditions tend to dictate are considered as an additional factor tending to increase Britain's exports of coal, our principal bargaining counter. At the same time it is recognized that fuel exporting interests in the United States are likely to make the most of the changed conditions also, particularly in South America. Britain's war-time coal production is expected to be ample for all the requirements of an active export policy.

German Coal

The outbreak of hostilities between Germany and the Allies has thrown a large section of the world's coal trade into the melting pot. Since the Nazi régime came to power in Germany, German coal exports have risen rapidly. From 18,313,000 metric tons in 1932, the total rose to 38,629,000 tons in 1937, and in the setback of the following year reached 29,640,000 tons.

While many countries took more coal from Germany, the principal increases were achieved in France and Italy. The former took over 8,000,000 metric tons in 1937, against just over 4,000,000 in 1932, while Italy took as much as 7,930,000 tons, compared with only 1,440,000 in 1932. Smaller markets for German coal, but of growing importance, were Canada and the South American countries. From a negligible amount in 1932, Canada's takings rose to 388,000 metric tons last year, while over the same period the amount of German coal taken by the South American Republics doubled to 963,000 tons.

Growth of British Trade

Poland's coal export trade had also been growing in recent years, but lest spectacularly. In 1938, her exports totalled 11,687,000 metric tons, of which well over a half went to countries in which Britain is particularly interested—the Scandinavian countries, France and Italy. In France and Italy, Poland made great progress between 1932 and 1938, but Britain's position retrogressed. In the seven years the additional tonnage accruing to Germany and Poland in these two countries rose by nerly 9 million tons while Britain's share was reduced by over 5½ million tons.

Bunker Trade

Last year—not a very good one for German exports—Poland and Germany together exported over 7 million metric tons of coal to France. This trade has clearly to be replaced mainly by British coal. In addition, much of the enhanced Polish bunker trade will have to be replaced by the British product. Polish exports for bunker purposes—outside the scope of the various trade agreements—had made very great strides in recent years. From 436,000 metric tons in 1934 (or 2½ per cent. of the European total) Poland had raised her bunker exports to 1,839,000 tons (or 11.4 per cent. of the total) by 1938. In the same period Britain lost over 3 million tons of her former share of the European bunker trade.

As regards the French and the bunker trade, Britain is in a position to step into German and Polish shoes right away, and, it is understood, has to a large extent already done so.

Italian Position "Promising"

The position in relation to Italy is less simple, but is regarded as distinctly promising. In recent years heavy shipments of Ruhr and Silesian coal have been made overland. The Ruhr coal has been going due south through Switzerland. It is learned that since the outbreak of hostilities these shipments have ceased, first, because the Swiss cannot allow their railway system to become congested by this heavy traffic in a period of emergency; secondly, because there are no German wagons available, and, thirdly, because Germany can ill afford to spare the coal.

Transport difficulties from Poland are even greater, and there is no certainty that the Nazis have yet been able to get the Polish mines working efficiently. In any case it is thought that Germany will be inclined to conserve all the fuel resources she can, only exporting in order to pay for those vital imports which she can obtain.

Negotiations with Italy for greatly increased exports of British, and especially South Wales, coal are understood to be progressing favourably.

Coal for Spain

Meanwhile it is reliably reported that Spain—which has been able to take practically no British coal since the Spanish war ended—has now reached the point in her post-war industrial recovery when she will require foreign coal. Britain, which formerly supplied her, is the obvious source.

The position in the Baltic markets is more delicate and uncertain. At the moment Germany has nothing to fear from hostile attack in the Baltic and the countries surrounding it form her most obvious and easiest war-time foreign trading sphere, particularly as she needs the iron ore and foodstuffs which these countries can supply. In addition to her own not inconsiderable pre-war coal trade with the Baltic and Scandinavian countries, she has now acquired the former Poland's connections.

Sweden's Imports

Poland's share of the Swedish coal trade was almost as large as Britain's. Last year Sweden took 2,383,000 metric tons of Polish coal, against 2,698,000 tons of British. Poland also had a substantial coal market in Finland, Norway and Denmark. Even so, in recent years, thanks to trade agreements, Britain's coal trade had been going ahead rapidly, while Poland's had, for the most part, been stationary or declining. If all goes well, this favourable trend is expected to be maintained and its tempo quickened.

At the moment the principal problem is transport. The German offensive against neutral ships in the south Baltic has tended temporarily to paralyse the carrying trade, particularly for the bulkier goods like coal and timber. It is thought that the Soviet diplomatic "offensive," however, will tend to eliminate this danger, as, for reasons of prestige, Russia could hardly permit the indiscriminate sinking of neutral vessels in waters which she "has taken under her protection." In the northern Baltic, the danger is not great as, for the most part, ships can keep within territorial waters, while from Malmo to Britain convoying is possible.

The "politics" of the Baltic situation are still a little obscure but well informed trade circles point out that Britain is not likely to do anything calculated to prejudice the strict neutrality of the neutral Powers. In so far as trade between neutrals and Germany falls outside the scope of the British blockade (as in the Baltic), no interference is therefore likely.

At the same time, the credit standing of the Nazis is not such as to encourage neutrals greatly to augment their pre-war supplies to Germany. Furthermore, it is obvious from the trade figures that the neutral countries of northern Europe have every interest in rehabilitating their trade with Britain, severely interrupted by recent German sinkings of neutral ships and the placing of timber products on the German contraband list.

Adverse Balance

The balance of trade between Britain and these countries has been strongly in favour of the latter. For the Scandinavian countries, including Finland, there is no possibility that the U.S.S.R. can provide a satisfactory alternative market for their principal exports even if that were envisaged. It is emphasized that all these countries have a very strong interest in resuming the fullest possible trading with this country at the earliest opportunity.

British Sales Drive

In remoter markets also, war conditions obviously impose transport problems—of a slightly different kind. South America is a long way off, coal a bulky cargo, and there are many additional demands on British merchant shipping.

Nevertheless, coal exporting interests are understood to be making an energetic sales drive in South American countries.

Before the war, Germany was engaged in building up a coal export trade with Brazil on a barter basis. In this she was assisted by Brazil's shortage of foreign exchange, while Britain's coal trade with Brazil was, of course, hampered by the same exchange difficulties. Germany was also pushing ahead in the Argentine, although in neither country were Germany's exports more than a small fraction of the British.

New Competition

Germany, of course, is now right out of these markets, but British coal exporters are encountering a new competitor in South America. Several vessels have recently been chartered to take U.S. cargoes of coal to Brazil and Argentina. These consumers were purchasing to safeguard themselves against a curtailment of British supplies in the early weeks of the war. In addition, the (U.S.) National Coal Association and the United Mineworkers of America have approached the Maritime Commission for a freight subsidy to enable the U.S. to compete with European producers.

These developments reflect the growing interest in South American markets, particularly for fuels, which was manifest in the U.S. before the war began. The U.S. Bureau of Mines is preparing and publishing a series of well-informed articles on the power resources of the chief South American countries, which include recommendations for acquiring a part of the coal trade for the U.S. The Bureau points out that the chief strength of the U.K.—apaprt from natural and historical factors, like the quality of Welsh coal and the British mercantile marine—is the "twoway traffic" (coal and grain), which means low coal freights. The chief disadvantages of the U.S. exporter are high rail frieghts to the coast and the absence of direct return cargoes. To overcome these difficulties, the Bureau suggests selling coal f.o.b. American ports and tying up inbound bulk freight commodities from the East Coast of South America with outward coal cargoes. Broad hints at subsidies in one form or another are thrown out.

Bargaining Strength

Coal exporting interests are convinced that the United States is determined on obtaining a share of the South American coal trade, but think that Britain has little to fear so long as she is able to keep her organization intact and maintain regular deliveries.

In this connection it is interesting to note that Britain's bargaining position in the Argentine (easily the most important South American market) is very much stronger than that of the U.S. Last year Argentina had a favourable trade balance with this country of 199 million paper pesos, while with the U.S. she had an unfavourable balance of 130 million pesos.

Britain's Resources Ample

Thanks to the rationing of fuel for domestic purposes and to the plans for increasing this country's annual output by between 30 and 40 million tons—which, it is understood, are proceeding smoothly—it is confidently anticipated that there should be ample coal available both for our wartime industrial effort at home and for the export drive.

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Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening

From KEELUNG: Tyosa Maru, due p.m. O. S. K. Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From ANTWERP
Tamesis 20/10 17/12
From GENOA
C. B'camano 23/11 20/12
From TRIESTE
Cortellazzo 28/10 24/12
Fusijama 21/11 10/1
From BOMBAY
C. B'camano 5/12 20/12
Cortelazzo 24/11 24/12
From SINGAPORE
C. B'camano 12/12 20/12
Cortelazzo 6/12 24/12
From SOERABAYA
Tjibadak 1/12 18/12
Tjitjalengka 8/12 25/12
From BATAVIA
Tjitjalengka 12/12 25/12
From MANILA
Gert. Maersk 8/12 14/12
Tjibadak 10/12 18/12
From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK
Vigrid 10/10 25/12
M. Maersk 10/11 26/12
L. Maersk 25/11 10/1
A. Maersk 9/12 24/1
From PANAMA
L. Maersk 6/12 10/1
From LOS ANGELES
Tatuta M. 20/11 16/12
M. Maersk 1/12 26/12
From LOS ANGELES
P. Coolidge 11/12 31/12
From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.
From YOKOHAMA
Tatuta M. 8/12 16/12
From KEELUNG
Hukuken M. 23/12 25/12

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN
Boissevain 15/11 23/12
From MOMBASA
Boissevain 3/12 23/12

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN
Dairen M. 11/12 13/12
From HONGKONG
Gert. Maersk 11/12 14/12

Vessels Leaving

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HAVANA MARU ..... Dec. 28
SUMATRA MARU .... Jan. 26
For Calcutta
ARGUN MARU ..... Jan. 12

Nagasaki Sailings
For Manila, Cebu and Davao
TAKAO MARU ..... Dec. 16

Keelung Sailings
For Haiphong, Saigon and Bangkok
BANGKOK MARU .... Dec. 17

Kobe Sailings
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*TOKAI MARU ..... Dec. 17
For Australia and New Zealand
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Vessels Sailing

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LONDON
Hakone Maru 28/12
Kasima Maru 5/1
For GENOA
C. B'camano 22/12
C. Verde 21/1
For OSLO
Tai Ping 22/12
For CAPETOWN
Boissevain 25/12
For BOMBAY
Kaisyo Maru 18/12
For CALCUTTA
Delagoa Maru 23/12
For JAVA
Tjibadak 21/12
Tjitjalengka 28/12
For MANILA
P. Coolidge 3/1
For NEW YORK
Gret. Maersk 15/12
Talisman 19/12
G. Maersk 1/1
Nagara Maru 8/1
H. Maersk 15/1
For San FRANCISCO
P. Cleveland 20/12
Tatuta Maru 26/12
P Pierce 2/1
P. Coolidge 16/1
P. Taft 29/1
For YOKOHAMA
Hakozaki Maru 29/12
For KOBE
Taiyo Maru 13/12
For NAGASAKI
Shanghai Maru 12/12
Nagasaki Maru 14/12
Shanghai Maru 17/12
Nagasaki Maru 19/12
For DAIREN
Tsingtao Maru 12/12
Dairen Maru 15/12
Hoten Maru 17/12
Tsingtao Maru 20/12
Dairen Maru 23/12
Hoten Maru 26/12

Vessels Leaving (cont.)

STRAITS AND EUROPE

TAI PING Dec. 22. ADEN, PORTSAID, OSLO, GOTHENBURG and COPENHAGEN via JAPAN and STRAITS.—Motorship Tai Ping of the Wilhelmsen Lines will be despatched from Shanghai for the abovementioned ports on or about December 22. For freight or passage please apply to the agents Dodwell and Company, Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 22-12

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Weather, Time and Tide

Tuesday, December 12, 1939 (2nd day of 11th moon)	SICCAWEI Dec. 10 16.00	Dec. 10 21.00	Dec. 11 4.00	Dec. 11 9.00
Barometer inches	30.48	30.55	30.56	30.62
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.35	+0.31	+0.20	+0.15
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	+0.12	+0.08	+0.08	+0.07
Wind (direction)	NNW	NNW	WNW	NW
" (miles per hour)	11.8	7.4	9.9	9.9
Temperature (Fahr.)	45.9°	37.9°	32.7°	39.9°
Humidity %	55	80	6	72
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	1	0	1	2
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 10	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.46	+0.29	30.28
Temp. Min. 37.°6 Max. 51.°8	44.°7	—7.°1	44.°4
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	47.05	—	43.63

Time and Tide	12/12	13/12	14/12	15/12	16/12
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	6.43	6.43	6.44	6.45	6.45
Sun sets at Shanghai ..	16.52	16.52	16.52	16.53	16.53
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	7.32	8.20	9.02	9.42	10.18
Moon sets at Shanghai ..	18.20	19.14	20.08	21.03	21.56
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	10.54	11.40	12.00	12.37	13.10
Ebb makes Shai. 6 to 18	16.29	17.00	17.32	18.15	6.28
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	12.30	13.30	14.10	14.40	15.10
Ht. above LLW. (feet) ..	9.38	9.90	8.82	8.30	7.02

Post Office Notices

The following times apply to the Head Post Office, Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

TUESDAY, December 12.		Reg.	Ord.
Japan and Korea via Nagasaki		*20.00	7.15
Tsingtao and Dairen		*20.00	7.15
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Hongkong and Haiphong		8.30	9.00
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai		9.30	10.00
Chefoo and Tientsin		9.30	10.00
Hongkong, Canton N.Z. and Manila ..	X	15.30	16.00
Japan via Kobe		16.00	16.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
WEDNESDAY, December 13.			
Amoy Swatow and Canton		*20.00	7.15
Fukien Province via Amoy		*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung		*20.00	7.30
Hongkong and Haiphong		9.30	10.00
Hongkong		9.30	10.00
Amoy and Hongkong		9.30	10.00
Fukien Province and Swatow via Amoy		9.30	10.00
Ningpo, Wenchow etc. via Chinhai ...	X	12.30	13.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		16.30	17.00
THURSDAY, December 14.			
Japan and Korea via Nagasaki		*20.00	7.15
Nantung		14.30	15.00
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez and Europe via Suez	AX	14.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton		15.30	16.00

* The night before.
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X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Z Parcel mail only.
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Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on December 12, at 3.30 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary due London on December 27.
Pan American Airways Service per steamer on Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on December 26.
Air France per steamer on December 14, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary.
Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Naples) per steamer to Hongkong.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong.
Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service: daily at 8 p.m.

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Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line at 9.45 a.m. and 12.00, at Yuhang Road Sub-Office at 9.15 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.
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Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
North Pinghan and Lunghai (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Wuhu, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
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Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer, via Suez, Dec. 14, due L'don Jan. 17.
Per steamer, via Pacific, Dec. 16, due L'don Jan. 16.
Per steamer, via Pacific, Dec. 19, due L'don Jan. 22.

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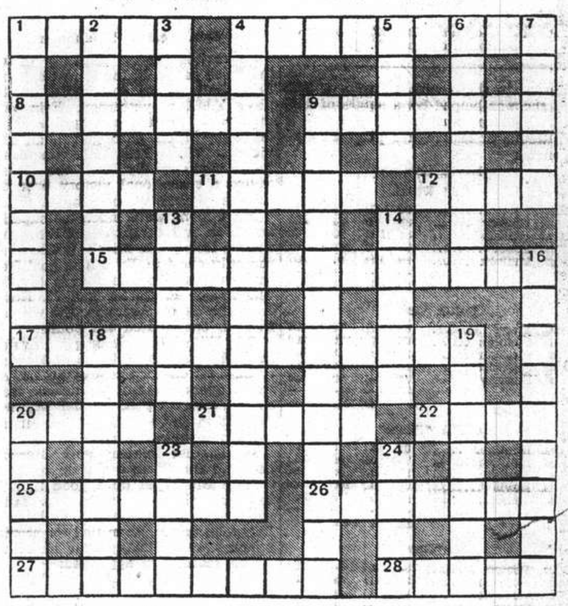

ACROSS
1 A yawn might reveal it but hardly a smile
4 This is found in the vicinity of icebergs (two words)
8 The darkest feature of today
9 Growth which one spreads with guns and bombs, apparently
10 This is where you get a laugh
11 What you are trying to do? Carry on
12 Refers to a singular occasion
15 Not a good choice (two words)
17 A great to-do with one's comrade in arms would be presented in this way by most papers
20 This will follow 8 across
21 This would make a gig enormous
22 The navy will swallow it, so there's no need to mention it to the marines
25 Do this and you do well
26 There's a bit more to start to take out
27 What the air raid warning tries to tell you (two words)
28 Object

DOWN
1 This kind of team, though unbeatable, would apparently never win a game
2 What cricketers might well christen a "kangaroo ball"
3 All the this is fashionable
4 A Lancashire worker perhaps (two words)
5 Street in 18 down
6 Belgian town
7 The end of this official was the beginning of humanity
9 One might safely ask him quite silly questions about his bridge (two words)
13 Raid of backward gleam of light
14 This does not help a fish to climb
16 He does the plotting, of course
18 A great place this but you need a 16 down to get you there (two words)
19 May be part of a big sailor or a ship
20 Headquarters perhaps
23 This is always in the picture
24 Disturbed dust

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1, Forearms; 5, Crutch; 9, Allegory; 10, Sconce; 11, Tantalus; 13, Signal; 14, Rum; 16, Petals; 19, Contour; 20, Laid up; 21, Hem; 26, Petard; 27, Saraband; 28, Horace; 29, Hornpipe; 30, Dulcet; 31, Instance. DOWN: 1, Feasts; 2, Ruling; 3, Aegean; 4, Murmur; 6, Receiver; 7, Tenon-saw; 8, Heedless; 12, Surtees; 15, Top; 16, Pug; 17, Slipshod; 18, Littoral; 19, Curricle; 22, Maroon; 23, Gannet; 24, Malign; 25, Adhere.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Hailung	Hsinkong	Inter Nav.
Peihua	Hankow	K.U.K.
Bordvik	Wenchow	Ta Sin
Lipari	T'lungkong	Dong Shing
Mimer	Hongkong	Wallem
Woolgar	Chefoo	Jebsen
Sandro Sandri	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Sandviken	Hongay	Lien Shun
Taiko M. 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Hulda Maersk	New York	Maersk L.
Chekiang M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Shanghai M.	Japan	T.K.K.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Chekiang M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Luise	Ger.	G.M.C.
Murasaki M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Livatho	Gre.	Union S.S.
Ehime M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Kronviken	Nor.	Wallem
Elbhof	Ger.	Carlowitz

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Marblehead	Am.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Oahu	Am.	Gbt.	C.N.C.B. 1/2
Piegon 6	Am.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
E. Carlotto	Itl.	Gbt.	16 P'toon

COUNT Grandi's successor as Italian Ambassador in London, Signor Bastianini, was little more than a boy when he first threw in his lot with Mussolini. At 22 he was Vice-Secretary to the Fascist Party. He was barely 24 during the march on Rome, and entered the Ministry as an Under-Secretary at 28. Six years later he was appointed Ambassador to Poland, and found himself the youngest member of the Empassy staff He is curly-haired, dark and handsome, and has the reputation of being one of the best-dressed men in Rome.

Local Basketball Games

Marine Whites Continue March Toward Championship; Erin Villa Beat Telephones

LOP-SIDED scores marked last night's play in the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Invitation Basketball League when the Marine Whites, highly favoured to win the championship this season, trounced Moore 47 to 11, and United Development Club inflicted a 61-18 defeat upon Chain. Both winning teams jumped off to a flying start and simply walked through to pile up a huge advantage in each instance.

The Whites began with Pasko and Balducci as forwards, Koreis as centre and Sargent and Goush as guards. They immediately utilized their height to the fullest extent and dropped in goal after goal. It was not until the service men had chalked up thirteen points that Moore began scoring. Ling tossed in a one-hand shot to stop the monotony. At half-time the score read—Whites 21, Moore 4.

Upon resumption the winners changed their forward combination, but that did not prevent the team from increasing the margin. In the last eight minutes the five who started played again and wound up by a final 47-11.

Balducci turned in the highest score with six field goals. Koreis and Sargent each garnered three while Pasko, Grow and Brown each netted two. Goush chalked up one and Burch made but one point via the foul route. For the losers, Loh was the pick, counting three times from the field.

Detailed Results

Complete results are appended:—

MARINE WHITES

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Balducci, f.	6	0	1	12
Pasko, f.	2	0	0	4
Brown, f.	2	0	0	4
Grow, f.	2	3	1	7
Koreis, c.	3	0	2	6
Burch, c.	0	1	0	1
Sargent, g.	3	3	0	9
Goush, g.	1	2	0	4
	19	9	5	47

MOORE

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
P. Ling, f.	0	0	0	0
C. Y. Cheng, f.	0	0	4	0
S. Sung, c.	0	0	0	0
T. C. Zung, c.	1	1	2	3
C. Loh, g.	3	0	3	6
C. Yang, g.	0	2	3	1
	4	3	12	11

1st half:—Whites 21, Moore 4.
2nd half:—Whites 26, Moore 7.

Seventeen-point Lead

The U. D. five relied in T. T. Lee and H. C. Chen to make goals. The former shot eight times and the latter seven. In the first half the Chains had great difficulty to score, netting their first basket after the opponents had amassed 17 points. The score at the intermission stood at 28-5. In the second period the victors slackened considerably to give the Chains better opportunity to score.

Itemized scores follow:—

U. D. CLUB

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
H. C. Chen, f.	7	2	2	16
Y. C. Shen, f.	5	1	3	11
T. K. Yui, f.	1	0	0	2
T. T. Lee, c.	8	2	1	18
C. H. Hsu, c.	1	1	0	3
C. Y. Pao, g.	2	3	1	7
S. T. Yui, g.	2	0	0	4
	26	9	7	61

CHAIN

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
S. T. Tung, f.	0	0	1	0
C. P. Lee, f.	2	0	2	4
T. Y. Wong, f.	0	1	0	1
K. C. Hu, c.	3	1	4	7
K. T. Hu, g.	0	0	1	0
C. T. Hwa, g.	1	0	0	2
C. Z. Chang, g.	1	2	1	4
	7	4	9	18

1st half:—U. D. 28, Chain 5.
2nd half:—U. D. 33, Chain 13.

Erin Against Telephones

Favourites had no difficulty to win the three games in the Reid Challenge Basketball Series for Ladies at the Navy Y.M.C.A. yesterday. Erin Villa and Greens, the two strongest teams in the competition, each gained an easy victory. While Erin Villa vanquished the Telephones by 19-4, the Greens pulled a sensational victory over the League of Pals, winning by 41 to 1.

The Greens were much too superior and took full command of the game. On the losing side Miss Lily Chao was the only one to tally a lone goal from the foul line in the fourth quarter. The misses E. Carter and M. Nosoff were the chief scorers for the winners as each contributed ten points.

Erin Villa had a closer game against the Telephones and it was undoubtedly the best one of the programme. All the players on the victorious team scored, excepting A. Waller who was content to do the passing and let her colleagues make the shots.

In another match Post Mercury defeated the Blues quintette by 20 to 6. The Blues put up a good fight in the first three quarters, but faded away in the final session. Misses C. Campbell and B. Foyn tied for scoring honours, each sinking four baskets.

The scores are appended:—

TELEPHONES

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
K. Richardson, f.	0	1	0	1
Brambleby, f.	0	0	0	0
R. Mizrahi, c.	0	0	0	0
M. Baron, c.	0	2	0	2
N. Wilson, g.	0	1	0	1
L. Lawler, g.	0	0	1	0
	0	4	1	4

ERIN VILLA

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
E. Ellis, f.	2	0	0	4
E. Sullivan, f.	2	0	2	4
M. McEven, c.	4	0	1	8
L. Oliveira, g.	1	1	1	3
A. Waller, g.	0	0	0	0
	9	1	4	19

LEAGUE OF PALS

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
B. Encarnacao, f.	0	0	0	0
L. Campos, f.	0	0	0	0
L. Chao, c.	0	1	0	1
C. Bestine, g.	0	0	0	0
T. Bestine, g.	0	0	0	0
V. Oliveira, g.	0	0	0	0
M. Bridges, g.	0	0	0	0
	0	1	1	1

GREENS

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Bodgers, f.	1	0	0	2
E. Carter, f.	5	0	2	10
A. Hammond, f.	4	0	0	8
M. Nosoff, c.	5	0	1	10
B. Harrop, g.	2	1	0	5
Bidwell, g.	0	0	0	0
M. Sheridan, g.	3	0	1	6
	20	1	3	41

BLUES

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
V. Dodd, f.	1	1	0	3
V. Chernoff, f.	0	1	0	1
N. Cohen, c.	1	0	0	2
B. Stead, g.	0	0	0	0
N. Stead, g.	0	0	0	0
P. Brewer, g.	0	0	2	0
	2	2	2	6

POST MERCURY

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
C. Campbell, f.	4	0	0	8
E. Munz, f.	0	0	0	0
B. Foyn, f.	4	1	0	9
Burton, g.	0	0	2	0
Ann Garzey, c.	0	0	1	0
Alex. Garzey, g.	0	0	1	0
Initsukaya, g.	1	0	0	2
Jameson, g.	0	1	0	1
V. Brauns, g.	0	0	0	0
	9	2	4	20

Ladies Inter-Club Duck Pins

Teams in Each Section Tied for Honours; Mrs. A. Malleck High Scorer

Competition in the Ladies Inter-Club Duck Pins League is becoming more and more interesting as leadership in both the North and South Sections is shared evenly by two teams, as a result of yesterday's play.

The Women's Sports Section of the Foreign "Y" and the Columbia Country Club "Blues" are tied for honours in the North Section when each scored a shutout victory from the C.C.C. "Reds" and American Club "Deuces" respectively.

In the South Section the C.C.C. Greens beat their own Club team, the "Whites," by the odd game to catch up with the American Club "Aces," who unfortunately fell victims at the hands of the "Y" "Boots" by a similar score of 2-1.

Bowling in both divisions failed to come up to standard. It was surprising to see that Mrs. Malleck and Mrs. Geibel, the two leading players here, were unable to pass the 300 mark. The former made 297 and the latter 287. Miss McIntyre was the only

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Cross-Country Record Breaker

L. Fedin won the Russian Inter-Club Cross Country Championship covering the distance of 10,000 metres in 32 minutes and 26 seconds, setting a new Russian record. He was presented with two cups, one donated by P. A. Laskoff and the other by the Russian Regiment, S.V.C.

bowler to shine with a triple of 323 as she was helped by a single of 118 in the second string.

Results of last night's play are appended:—

North Section

"Y" W.S.S.

Mrs. Zee	100	99	85	284
Mrs. Harvey	89	80	94	263
Mrs. Collaco	87	100	95	282
Mrs. Sobel	95	96	100	291
Mrs. Malleck	98	102	97	297
	469	497	471	1,417

C.C.C. "Reds"

Mrs. Kops	82	91	78	251
Miss Canners	83	79	106	268
Mrs. Schuster	80	102	106	288
Mrs. Jackson	110	91	94	295
Mrs. Bristow	85	76	78	239
	440	439	462	1,341

C.C.C. "Blues"

Mrs. Huebner	87	89	78	254
Mrs. Ball	75	92	98	265
Mrs. Dalton	92	87	82	261
Mrs. Davis	108	91	100	299
Mrs. Geibel	93	85	109	287
	455	444	467	1,366

A.C. "Deuces"

Mrs. Brown	83	75	—	158
Mrs. Eckerson	89	87	84	260
Mrs. Robinson	88	88	104	280
Mrs. Smith	78	—	78	156
Miss Hykes	85	88	99	272
Mrs. Donaldson	—	88	92	180
	423	426	457	1,306

TEAM STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Foreign Y.M.C.A.	14	4
C.C.C. Blues	14	4
C.C.C. Reds	10	11
A.C. Deuces	6	12
Marine Ladies	4	14

South Section

C.C.C. "Whites"

Mrs. Hale	95	106	95	296
Mrs. Young	61	87	84	232
Mrs. Putman	89	83	101	273
Mrs. Freeman	91	77	86	254
Mrs. Gray	96	101	101	298
	432	454	467	1,353

C.C.C. "Greens"

Mrs. Bourne	101	97	92	290
Mrs. Laidlaw	77	78	83	238
Mrs. Vines	86	101	85	272
Mrs. Cardwell	93	92	100	285
Miss McIntyre	99	118	106	323
	456	586	466	1,408

"Y" "Boots"

Miss Baptista	108	92	86	286
Miss Wilson	87	79	—	166
Mrs. Greenberg	77	80	84	241
Mrs. Tate	111	83	103	297
Miss Rugaeff	90	94	91	275
Miss Watson	—	—	79	79
	473	428	443	1,344

A.C. "Aces"

Mrs. Jensen	70	92	79	241
Mrs. Evans	92	108	79	284
Mrs. Rundall	78	98	96	272
Mrs. Kwok	102	101	91	294
Mrs. Deegan	81	95	83	259
	423	494	433	1,350

TEAM STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
C.C.C. Greens	13	5
A.C. Aces	13	5
C.C.C. Whites	10	11
"Y" Boots	9	12
Race Club	3	15

Detailed Averages

Following were the individual averages before yesterday's play:—

LEAGUE RECORDS

Single, Mrs. Gray	135
Triple, Mrs. Malleck	369
Average, Mrs. Mallack	107 14/15
Single, C.C.C. Blues	521
Single, C.C.C. Whites	521
Triple, "Y" W.S.S.	1,531

MR. S. F. Waterson, the new High Commissioner of South Africa in London, was a well-known South African wine merchant, and lived close to the British Naval Base at Simonstown, Cape Town. There he entertained most hospitably. He has been a South African M.P. for ten years, and also the South African Minister at Paris. He is a personal friend and supporter of General Smuts.

Garcia-Lee Fight to Be Postponed

Pending Arrival of Jack Dempey, Referee

Manila, Dec. 11.

The middleweight bout between Ceferino Garcia, Filipino battler recognized as the world champion by the New York Boxing Commission, and Glen Lee of Nebraska set for December 16 at the Rizal Memorial Stadium here will be postponed until Jack Dempsey arrives.

The former world heavyweight champion is to referee the fight and was to have left San Francisco by Clipper plane last week. The plane, however, has been prevented from hopping off by adverse weather conditions.

Jess Cortes, promoter of the fight, telephoned Dempsey this morning. Dempsey, speaking from San Francisco, told Cortes that Pan-American Airways was making every effort to facilitate the flight and might arrange to cut one day off from the regular schedule.

Garcia may workout with sparring partners for the last time this afternoon as he plans to limit his training routine to roadwork and shadow boxing more of the week.

Lee, however, said he expects to work with sparring partners until Thursday when he will taper off.

Garcia is at present a 2-to-1 favourite over Lee, but few bets have been placed on Garcia to score a knockout.

Although Garcia has chalked up 55 knockouts in 104 fights in America, including eight of the ten fights he had in 1939, Garcia has not been able even to knock Lee off his feet despite meeting him twice previously.—United Press.

Physical Education to Be Demonstrated

Interesting Show Planned At Foreign Y.M.C.A.

The Physical Directors' Society of Shanghai will present an interesting programme of boxing, drills and gymnastics on December 16 at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. gymnasium, starting at 5.30 p.m. Admission will be charged at $2 for reserved seats and $1 for the rest, but students at 50 cents.

Ten events have been tentatively arranged. The programme starts with an exhibition by the S.M. School for Girls, followed by three boxing matches of three rounds each in which boys from 54 pounds to 65 are to participate. Clifford Cook, 63, meets Michael Young 65, Denis Kwok, 55, tangles with David Lock, 54, and John Wai, 54, is pitted against Victor Simmons, 58.

The third event sees the "Y" gymnasium team, led by Johnny Schaberg, Assistant Physical Director of the "Y", giving an exhibition in tumbling. Following that, there will be three boxing items. Jack Waung, 100, is to clash with Paul Lemercier, 98. Robin Henningsen, 71, takes on Christopher Day, 72, and thirdly, Billy Kan, 75, comes up against Milton Streit, 74.

Before the seventh event which is a performance on parallel bars by the "Y" team, two Chinese ladies will give an exhibition in Chinese boxing. After that, the last two boxing bouts are to be held when Kenneth Tong, 90, meets Raymond Lawrance, 87, and Charles Butt, 131, faces Bryan Smith, 134.

The ninth item serves as the highlight of the day's show when the "Y" team do the flying ring show. Rounding out the programme will be an exhibition of club drill by the S.M. School for Girls.

Funds Sought for Georgina Coleman

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.

Relatives and friends today started seeking funds to help Georgina Coleman, former Olympic Games diving champion in need of a serious operations perhaps to save her life.

The 27-year-old sportswoman requires an operation to remedy a liver ailment which nearly caused her death several weeks ago. Miss Coleman has been ill since she was stricken with infantile paralysis two years ago.—United Press.

ALTHOUGH Signor Giuseppe Bastianini arrived in London unaccompanied by members of his family, his wife and children are to join him soon. The four children, being little more than babies, may live in the country at what is regarded as a safe distance from London. The new Italian Ambassador is not as yet a good English speaker. He intends, however, to apply himself with diligence to our language now he is here.

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